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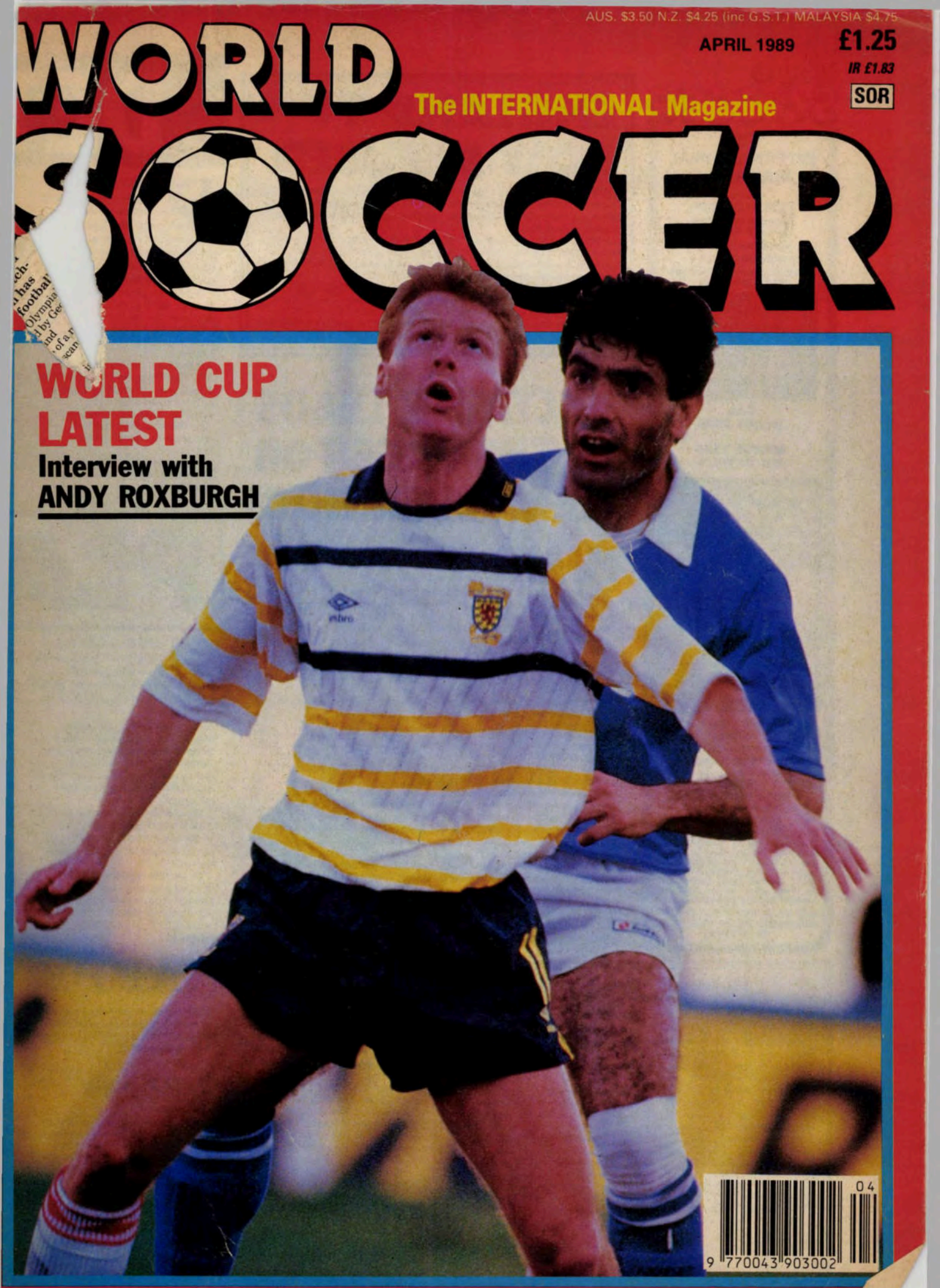

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ENGLAND TV ROW DEFUSED

ENGLAND'S 2-0 victory over Albania in the World Cup-tie in Tirana has defused the potential row over ITV plans to televise the Liverpool v Arsenal League game just three days before the World Cup return on April 25.

Before travelling to Tirana, England manager Bobby Robson was reported to be furious that his plans could be wrecked by injuries to key men at such a late stage. It was even suggested that the FA might invoke executive powers to rearrange the match.

Goals from John Barnes and Bryan Robson in Tirana put the Albanian 'threat' into a different context. Now Robson, his officials, aides and players are confident about completing a double and increasing pressure on Sweden and Poland in the race to win both the group and the one certain place in the finals in Italy next year.

BALTAZAR LEADS IN THE RACE FOR THE GOLDEN BOOT

BALTAZAR, the Brazilian centre-forward of Atletico Madrid, is leading the race to succeed Tanju Colak as holder of the Golden Boot.

Baltazar heads the European leagues' scoring charts with 24 goals so far this season for Atletico. Runner-up is Gheorghe Hagi of Steaua Bucharest with 21 goals.

Two other Rumanians, Dorin Mateut of Dinamo Bucharest and Marcel Coras of Victoria Bucharest, are among a clutch of marksmen equal third with 20.

That could be a danger sign for Baltazar since the East Europeans have proved remarkably fast finishers in the Golden Boot stakes in past years.

As for Tanju, the Turk's prospects of retaining the crown are minimal. He lies eight goals adrift of Baltazar.

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LAJOS DETARI, £4.7million for d at the centre of d controversy, has bee exonerated of any al involvement in the r fixing scandal whic rocked Hungarian l.

Detari now plays for kos Piraeus, the club owne rge Koskotas, the banker publisher at the centre najor political and financial dal in Greece.

It had been thought h prospects of leading Hungary's bid for a place in next year's World Cup finals in Italy would be affected by suspicions that Detari had been involved with other Honved players in the match-fixing allegations.

No fewer than ten former Honved team-mates have been suspended.

PLA

MICHEL PLATINI'S long-term prospects as manager of France are in jeopardy after the 2-0 World Cup defeat by Scotland.

That defeat in Glasgow, made doubly unacceptable by the fact that a French league player — Mo Johnston — scored both goals, makes it pretty certain that France won't be sending a team to Italy next year.

Should Platini be blamed for the team's largely disappointing performance, although they came on stream and threatened goals at the end?

Or was his appointment, a desperate measure at best, never likely to make up for the sheer lack of a Platini on the field where he could still have made so much difference?

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MILAN HAPPY W

MILAN'S Dutch and Italian stars believe they were let off lightly when the draw for the semi-finals of the Champions' Cup paired them with Real Madrid.

Despite Madrid's victory over defending champions PSV Eindhoven, the team Ruud Gullit and Co secretly feared were the Rumanians of Steaua Bucharest, who must now play Galatasaray.

World and Europen Footballer of the Year Marco Van Basten said: "The problem about Steaua is that they have a particulay system which does not allow you to open up the play.

"With Madrid it's different. They like to take risks and that gives the opposition a chance. PSV could have drawn or even won in Madrid."

Happy

Midfielder Angelo Colombo said: "I'm happier to play Real in the semi-finals than in the Final. Two reasons: firstly, over two games you always have a better chance.

"Secondly, I really did not want to have to play against them in the Final when you think that the Final will be in Spain, in Barcelona."

When Milan won the

RI CLEARED

by BRIAN O'SULLIVAN

A number of foreign-based Hungarian players have been afraid to return home for visits to relatives or for international matches, for fear of arrest.

However, Budapest tax and sports authorities have told Detari that he has been cleared.

He will face no charges — although there have been other pressures, notably a death threat before the recent 0-0 draw against the Irish Republic in Budapest.

Two teams qualify from World Cup group six for the finals in Italy.

Spain are runaway favourites at the top of the group with Hungary and the Irish Republic leading contenders for the other place. Northern Ireland have virtually lost all hope and Malta were never in contention in the first place.

A relieved Detari is confident now that Hungary can qualify.

He said: "We still have a good chance of making it to Italy as long as we concentrate hard on not dropping any silly points in our remaining matches. We have some good young players coming through, such as Ervin Kovacs and Zoltan Bognar, and we are getting stronger all the time."

New manager Bertalan Bicskei was praised in Budapest, despite being held at home by the Irish, for the way he moulded his new Hungarian team in the absence of at least six players implicated in the match-fixz scandal.

Bicskei said: "We fought well in midfield and I think we had more chances than the Irish. Now it's really all down to our games against Spain in the autumn."

Hungary play in Budapest on October 11 and in Spain on November 15.

Bicskei's revamped squad is: P.Disztl (Honved), Gelei (Vac), Brockhauser (Ujpest); Farkas (MTK), Kozma (Ujpest), L.Disztl (Honved), Kardos (Kalamaria, Gr), Heredi (Ujpest), Meszoly (Vasas), Z.Bognar (Haladas), Keller (Ferencvaros); Gregor (Honved), Zsinka (Dunaujvaros), E.Kovacs (Ujpest), I.Varga (Honved), Zsivotzky (Vac), Petres (Videoton); Sass (Honved), Hajszan (Raba ETO), Kiprich, Plotar (Tatabanya), Szekeres (Bekescsaba), Detari (Olympiakos, Gr), G.Bognar (Toulon, Fr), Boda (Olympiakos Volos, Gr), Meszaros (Lokeren, Bel).

In the league Ferencvaros, managed by old stars Florian Albert and Gyula Rakosi, will do well to hang on in top spot.

THE ACCUSED

SUSPENDED: Jozsef ANDRUSCH (Vasas, formerly Honved); Antal BIRO (Altheim, formerly Kaposvar Rakoczi); Andras CSEH (Honved); Antal DEAKVARI (Kaposvar); Lajos DOBANY (Zalaegerszeg); Jozsef FITOS (Honved); Imre FODOR (Honved); Attila GROF (Ujpest, formerly Honved); Peter HANNIH (MTK-VM, formerly Raba ETO); Peter HEGEDUS (Haladas Szombathely);Gyorgy KEREPECZKY (Dunaujvaros, formerly Honved); Kalman KOVACS (Honved); Istvan LAZSLO (Eger, formerly Honved); Imre LEBONICZKY (Szeged, formerly Bekescsaba); Gyula MEKSZ (Siofok, formerly Kaposvar); Jozsef MEZO (Debrecen); Jozsef PASZTOR (Bekescsaba); Tamas PRESZELLER (Raba ETO); Lazslo RACS (Kaposvar); Lazslo SALLAI (Dorog); Sandor SALLAI (Honved); Gabor SIKESDI (Honved); Zoltan STEIGERWALD (Gyula, formerly Bekescsaba); Lazslo SZABO (Baja, formerly Bekescsaba); Janos VARGA (Dorog, formerly Bekescsaba).

APPEALING AGAINST SUSPENSION: Zsolt BALAZS (Raba ETO, formerly Zalaegerszeg); Sandor BREZNICZKY (Pecs); Jakab LUTZ (Pecs); Gabor REFI (Komlo, formerly Pecs); Arpad TOMA (Pecs).

GUILTY BUT ALLOWED TO PLAY ON: Balazs BERCZY (Pecs); Laszlo BODNAR (Pecs); Sandor CZERNA (Pecs); Jozsef GASPAR (MTK-VM); Mihaly KONYA (Pecs); Ferenc LOVASZ (Pecs); Sandor LORINCZ (Pecs); Karoly MEGYERI (Pecs); Bela MELIS (Debrecen); Jozsef SZEKERES (Bekescsaba); Zsolt TURI (Pecs).

TINI THREAT

by ANDRE DUCLOS

It was yet another blow, albeit at one remove, for the Bordeaux president Claude Bez, who is in deep trouble with the tax men and just sacked his long-serving club manager Aime Jacquet.

The overweening Bez, moving figure in the odd original decision to appoint Michel Platini as French team manager, insists he can answer all the awkward questions — shades of Saint Etienne — that the tax people are now hurling at him.

Bez was heavily in evidence on Platini's first time out, in Belgrade. When France came to London to play Arsenal, their first trip to Highbury since Kader Firoud put through his own goal and gave England a lucky 2-2 draw in 1951, Platini's tactics were somewhat puzzling.

He announced beforehand in the team's Bayswater hotel that he had chosen Arsenal in preference to their North London neighbours Spurs because he wanted a "very, very, very English team" to play against.

Well, he got it; in spades. The question was, was his journey really necessary?

After France had missed a point blank chance in the first minute, the Arsenal attack, which had been finding it so hard on a pitch they disliked to score league goals, seemed to run through the French defence almost at will, scoring twice and, but for the superb goalkeeping of 32-year-old Joel Bats, they might have had many more.

Otherwise, Platini, good looking, fluent, humorous, elegant, is beyond doubt a fine ambassador for French football, charming everyone he meets.

Asked about Glenn Hoddle, whom he had called, with Liam Brady, "one of only two No.10s in Europe capable of running a game", he was diplomacy itself.

Wasn't he surprised, if he admired Hoddle so much, not to see him in the England team?

Platini replied that he was not the England manager, that there might well be No.10s in France whom outside observers thought he should put in his team.

A neat piece of defence; far more impressive than the defence which we would subsequently watch at Highbury, where such young blades as Perez, Paille and Papin did themselves very little good in attack either.

MICHEL PLATINI . . . under pressure.

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Champions' Cup for the first time, 25 years ago, they put eight goals past Galatasaray on their way to the Wembley victory over Benfica.

But Milan's present coach, Arrigo Sacchi, was not influenced by history.

He said: "Before the quarter-finals the Monaco coach, Arsene Wenger, came to Milanello. When I asked him about Galatasaray he made a gesture as if to say: No problem.

"The truth is, we are all in with the same chance of winning the cup: 25 per cent."

Semi-final draw and Club Focus on Galatasaray — see Pages 28 and 29.

AUMA STAR

by ARTHUR ROTMIL

WEST GERMAN football has never been short of top class goalkeepers — names like Sepp Maier and Toni Schumacher spring readily to mind — and now another star has arrived at the threshold of what could be a glittering international career.

Raimond Aumann, of Bayern Munich, has been ranked by the experts as the Bundesliga's No. 1, while the fans countrywide have overwhelmingly voted him the most popular of all goalkeepers.

This double appreciation has done wonders for the morale of the man who is only in his first full season in league football and has conquered adversity, as well as bitter rivalry, to achieve his first goal — a regular first team place.

The next is to be chosen for the national side.

For six long and often frustrating years, he has stood in the shadow of the great Belgian Jean-Marie Pfaff.

And when the management finally decided to discard the veteran at the age of 33, Aumann knew that his hour had struck.

Aumann was born on October 12, 1963, in Augsburg, not far from Munich.

He is a trained commercial buyer and played for SV Stadtwerke and FC Augsburg between 1970 and 1980.

Aumann joined Bayern in 1980 and for the first-half of the season, competed in 57 Bundesliga matches, ten in European competition, seven for the under-21's, 13 for the A youth side, and once each for the B youth and schoolboy teams.

Aumann trains at least twice a week in the club's gym with the other Bayern Munich keepers Sirch and Scheuer under the supervision of the great Maier.

He admits: "I do have a particular weakness but I shall never reveal it, not to anybody."

Up until now, no-one has ever discovered his secret — neither the opposing strikers nor the managers.

Two episodes plagued him during his career.

Firstly, the enduring conflict with Pfaff. "He humiliated me. I've nothing against Pfaff the sportsman, only against him as a man.

"I could never accept his attitude," says Aumann.

Injury

For years, the two Bayern 'keepers didn't exchange a word! It was a cold relationship — a cold war.

And then came the ghastly injury. On March 8, 1986, in a match against Fortuna Dusseldorf, Aumann was smashed to the ground by his opponent Keim.

In his left knee, everything was damaged that possibly could have been — outer and inner ligaments, and cartilage.

"I cried out of frustration and in rage because it happened when I thought I could at last replace Pfaff," he recalls.

Aumann was operated on three times in all. And he returned from hospital in Zurich by car, rejecting 'plane transport.

Ambition

"If they had seen me in Munich being carried on a stretcher, the word would have got around that Aumann was finished," he explains.

There followed a long, hard rebuilding job. For four months, he travelled some 200 miles daily from Munich to Regensburg and back for treatment.

He spent a further four months labouring in Frankfurt with specialists. Thanks to his burning ambition and iron will, he succeeded in overcoming this setback.

Aumann admits that, at 18, he set himself these targets: "At 24, I want to be Bayern Munich's No.1; at 25, or 26, in the national team."

Team chief Franz Beckenbauer called him into the squad last September and promised further selections.

"To wear the national shirt with the eagle on it would be the biggest thrill," he declared.

Aumann adds: "I never measure myself on the average player but only on the best.

Deficit

"I am never satisfied. Show me a satisfied footballer and I'll show you an unsuccessful one."

His greatest hour struck in Milan in the UEFA Cup return against Inter last December.

Bayern lost 2-0 at home but pulled back the deficit in Italy, winning 3-1 to reach the quarter-finals.

This thanks to Aumann, whose

SCHAFE ON TH

by TIM MANSELL

WINNIE SCHAFER is a man who can't sit still. The 39-year-old trainer of Karlsruhe Sport Club patrols the touchline as if possessed, tossing his mane of reddish blond hair in impatience, shouting, exhorting, raising his fists in triumph and stamping his feet in disappointment.

Sometimes, it's all too much for the referee, as in a cup tie in Munich in February when, after an hour, Schafer was banished to the stands.

Only Inter Milan had won in Munich this season until that rainswept winter evening which attracted a mere 5,000 spectators to the Olympic Stadium for what was expected to be a comfortable home win.

Yet displaying the "honest football" which Schafer expounds, and taking advantage of two catastrophic lapses in the Bayern Munich defence, Karlsruhe won a thrilling game 4-3.

"I don't know how high my pulse runs but I live through a game as if I'm playing in it," says Schafer.

"I was brought up in Monchengladbach to win every game, not with defensive tactics, but by playing exciting, attacking football.

"If the team is playing exciting football, it's impossible for the trainer to sit quietly on the bench. I have to let off steam."

The win in Munich was a milestone in Karlsruhe's efforts to establish themselves amongst the elite of West German football.

A founder member of the Bundesliga in 1963, the club has yo-yoed between the first and second divisions since then, and are currently in their 13th season in the 26-year-old league.

Most recently promoted in 1987, they flirted with relegation for most of last year and it took an Arno Glesius goal in the last minute of their last game to stave off relegation.

KSC's 1-1 draw at home to Frankfurt doomed Waldhof Mannheim to the play-off round.

Strengthened only by ex-Dortmund striker Daniel Simmes, KSC entered the new season strongly tipped as relegation material.

Yet after their fourth game, they were top of the league and, although toppled the following week after a 6-1 defeat in Koln, they have established themselves in a comfortable mid-table position, within striking range of a UEFA Cup qualifying spot.

The club's upturn in fortunes coincided with the arrival of Schafer in 1986.

He took them to promotion in his first season and in two-and- a-half years in the job, has seen average attendances rise from 3,500 to 23,000.

"Those are the things that make one proud," he says. "I started from scratch when I came here and I have built up my own team, largely from amateurs and other young players.

"We are now on the point of establishing ourselves in the Bundesliga and the people are coming to watch us."

That spectators are coming is the highest compliment for Schafer, at 39 one of the youngest trainers in the league.

He was a veteran of more than 400 games as a player for Kickers Offenbach, KSC themselves and Borussia Monchengladbach, where he learned his trade under Hennes Weisweiler.

Schafer continued: "I'm happy when the team has given all it's got and lost — the spectators say 'okay, we lost, but I'm coming again next week'.

"If we just play it safe all the time, then we'll lose a lot of games 1-0 because sooner or later, the opposition will score and by then it will be too late to try and play differently.

"And if we keep drawing 0-0 at home, then we'll have five fewer spectators at the next game, then 100 fewer, then 1,000 fewer.

"Then we'll begin to ask ourselves why they have stopped coming.

"But we can't put it down to tennis or any other sport. It's down to us and us only to draw the crowds."

This is what Schafer calls "honest football" — the kind of football that is going to pull in the crowds on a Saturday afternoon.

In view of their rising attendances, it is ironic that it was a spectator who put Karlsruhe in the news for all the wrong reasons last November when an object thrown from the crowd hit Monchengladbach midfielder Christian Hochstatter in the eye.

Hochstatter was stretchered off and Monchengladbach appealed against their resulting 3-1 defeat.

KSC were ordered to replay the game and to stage a further home fixture on a neutral ground.

They won their 'home' match in Heilbron, 2-0 against Hannover, but could only draw 2-2 in the replayed game, the Gladbach equaliser falling in the third minute of injury time.

This result underlined, for Schafer, the inexperience of his side when, in the final seconds, a free-kick near the halfway line was lofted into the box where a Gladbach striker got the vital touch.

"That second goal came at a time when you just can't concede a goal," he says.

"At that stage of a game, you can't just allow a free-kick to be taken.

"You've got to put two men in front of the ball so the opponent has to take his run-up again.

"But these are matters of experience, the kind of thing clubs who have played in Europe do."

Honest football? Not exactly, but certainly no less honest than any other Bundesliga club.

"Bayern Munich wouldn't have made that mistake," says Schafer.

Not all his squad are young and inexperienced. Alongside 32- year-old Yugoslavian international sweeper Srecko Bogdan and left-back Wolfgang Trapp, 31, is Michael

N THE NEW F BAYERN

string of saves plunged the opposing attackers to the brink of despair.

"I always knew that I am so good, only so far I couldn't show it," he affirms.

The man they call 'Baloo', after the bear in 'Jungle Book' (because he used to be overweight) was the hero of the night.

The Italian fans pelted him with rockets, fireworks and smoke bombs, but he remained cool and unperturbed.

"Nothing can shake this youngster," said Maier. "He has nerves of steel and that's something one can't learn.

"You've either got it — or you haven't."

Aumann thinks he inherited the composure from his father Ludwig, who was also a goalkeeper.

He died in 1982 whilst playing for a team of veterans when the ball hit his chest.

"My father was the greatest football fanatic I've ever known," says Aumann.

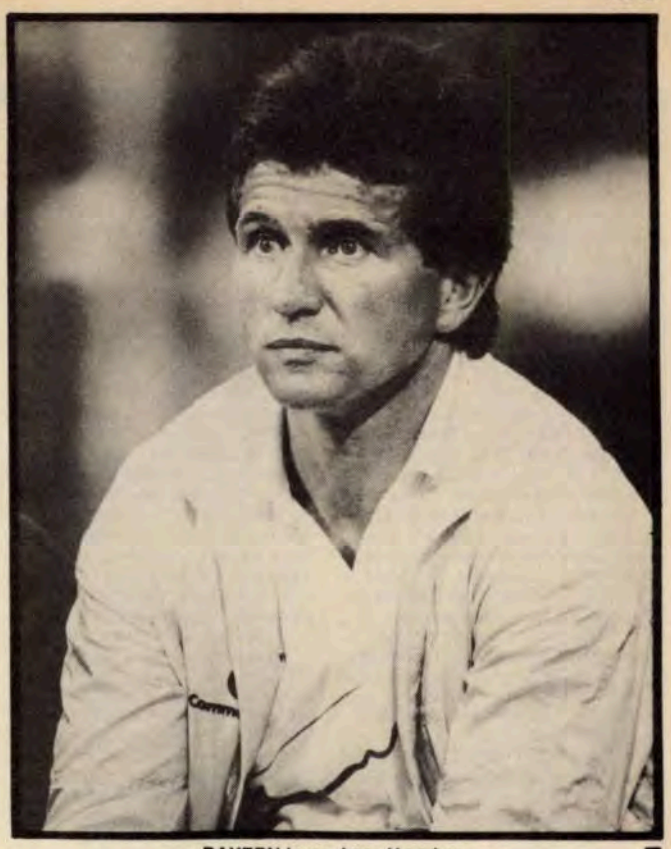
He would have been proud that Raimond made it. "Sadly, he cannot share in my success," reflects the son regretfully.

Votes

In the half-yearly rankings, the country's biggest sports paper *Kicker* placed him first in the Bundesliga with the accolade "international class".

And the fans gave him 39 per cent of the votes ahead of West Germany's current national 'keeper Bodo Illgner, who polled only 16.3 per cent.

That is why Raimond Aumann's first cap must be imminent.



BAYERN boss Jupp Heynkes.

R KEEPS MOVE!

Harforth, 30, a stocky blond midfielder who plays 40 yard passes with the precision of Glenn Hoddle.

Harforth, says Schafer, is the only player in the country who is capable of playing the "decisive pass".

He has spent much of his career languishing in the second division and is too old to have an international future, yet Schafer mentions him in the same breath as Wolfgang Overath and Gunther Netzer.

"Playmakers such as Overath, Netzer or Bernd Schuster were not only extraordinary footballers but also as people, they were different from others.

"People like this must be handled differently because they play football differently.

"You must criticise them at times and leave them alone at times but always give them the security of knowing that the trainer is behind them.

"That's how Hennes Weisweiler handled Netzer. Harforth plays the way he does because I tell him he has to, even if he plays a couple of bad balls.

"I have to allow a footballer like that to make mistakes."

The 'old days' in Monchengladbach and the name of Hennes Weisweiler are constantly recurring themes as Schafer speaks.

Weisweiler, who has moulded much of Schafer's footballing philosophy, would often talk about English football — "He loved the English game" — and that, combined with Schafer's own experience of European cup ties in Liverpool and Manchester, has left a deep impression.

Recalling the 1978 European Cup semi-final at Anfield, he remembers: "The Liverpool players were constantly shouting at each other, urging each other on to the extent that the trainer wasn't really needed.

"Souness and Case kept driving each other on, shouting, calling out numbers, telling each other who to mark.

"We don't have that here in Germany, unfortunately. I could do with two people in my side who would do that for me. Then I wouldn't need to."

Ten days after Karlsruhe's memorable win in Munich, the club returned for a league game.

Schafer went through his usual routine until, after 73 minutes of frenetic touchline action, he banished himself to the stands after his side had drawn level at 2-2.

But it didn't work a second time as Munich hit the winner a couple of minutes later.

HOLLAND'S HANGOVER

by Simon Kuper

HOLLAND are still suffering greatly from winning the European Championships.

Gullit, Van Basten et al impressed so much in West Germany last summer that every club in Europe now wants its own Dutchman — or two, or three.

Almost as soon as Michael Vautrot blew his whistle to end the Munich final, phones started ringing in Dutch footballers' homes.

The same thing happened in Argentina after the last World Cup.

The foreign clubs aren't only chasing the players who starred in the European Championships — most of those are inaffordable now anyway.

It's the run-of-the-mill players who are leaving Holland in droves.

As early as July 1988, good club players like Theo Snelders, Arnold Oosterveer, Remco Boere, Peter Bosz and John Lammers went abroad.

Ronald Koeman (the only star left in the Dutch league), Peter van Velzen, Willem van der Ark and Peter van Vossen have all signed foreign contracts in the last three months.

Now, as the transfer market gets underway again in preparation for next season, even more players look like leaving Holland.

Ajax wingers John van't Schip and Rob Witschge have been negotiating with Toulon and several German clubs are bidding for little Heracles Almelo's Folkert Velten. The list goes on.

There are many reasons why players are leaving, the main one being money.

Taxes are very high in Holland and Dutch footballers are probably the worst-paid in western Europe.

PSV are Holland's richest club yet Michael Valke left them in 1987 to sign for the French second division side Olympique Lyon, where he could earn more.

The Dutch league is also low on glamour. The championship race only involves Ajax and PSV and the rest of the football is of an abominable quality.

Nobody comes to watch it anymore and nobody talks about it on the streets.

It is only natural that Dutch footballers yearn for countries like Italy and Spain, where even average players are hero-worshipped. In Holland, even the best aren't.

PSV's Ronald Koeman summed it up when he signed for Barcelona.

"Football means something in Spain. After all those years in the Dutch league, I needed a new challenge," he said.

Because of the mass departures, the level of the Dutch league is declining rapidly.

Feyenoord's general manager Hans Kraay predicted this immediately after the championships: "I'm afraid that we'll see the same thing in Holland as happened in Denmark: a strong national team whose players almost all play abroad, and a very weak national league."

Only one thing can still save Holland. Defeat this month by West Germany and subsequent failure to qualify for the next World Cup!

SCOTLAN ON COUR FOR FINA

by PETER OAKES

ANDY ROXBURGH will celebrate his third year in charge of Scotland this summer.

And he could not have a more pleasant anniversary present than another giant step along the road towards the 1990 World Cup Finals.

The Scots' win against former European Champions France has installed them among the favourites to be able to book hotels and flights to Italy.

But the canny Roxburgh, who took over from Alex Ferguson after Scotland's dismal showing in the last World Cup Finals, isn't likely to be beating the drum . . . yet!

He thinks back over his time in office — a period in which he has had to survive the battering from his critics — and says: "We have achieved nothing — we have won a couple of games and that is all.

"We haven't achieved a thing — everything has still got to be done.

"Winning a few games is not the end of the world — what's important for us is qualifying for the next World Cup.

"What is interesting is the way the media makes judgments on your record as a manager. An international manager's record is nonsense.

"You could play two or three games against very poor opposition and that boosts your record. Friendly games are totally irrelevant.

"I know that in some of our friendlies I tried all sorts of young players and even different systems. Friendlies are like being a club manager and playing pre-season friendlies.

"No-one says to Arsenal or Rangers what about the pre-season games they lost. They don't get clumped along with the rest of their matches.

"Any judgment should be made in competition games only. This is when you play your real team because that's the way the clubs make it.

"You've got an objective in those games and that is to win.

"This is our second campaign — our first one was the European Championship which, for me, was very difficult because I was trying to come to terms with myself, trying to see what I had got."

It is hard to see anyone having had a tougher baptism in international management than Roxburgh.

He'd never managed a club side in his professional life and stepped up as successor to Alex Ferguson after being Director of Coaching in Scotland for ten years.

During that time his reputation had been built with the precocious youngsters who won the European Under 18 Championship.

But the huge question mark against him was whether or not he had the personality to force his own ideas and philosophies on the hard-headed, worldly-wise pros with years of playing at the top level behind them.

Combining with Roxburgh's appointment in charge of the Scottish squad was the announcement that his number two would be Craig Brown, manager of little Clyde.

They are still in harness, as close as any international twosome can be.

Roxburgh had seen what many felt was Scotland's best side for years fail in Mexico . . . failing to win any of their three group games and scoring only one goal (by Gordon Strachan) in matches against Denmark, West Germany and Uruguay.

The ageing Kenny Dalglish had missed the finals through injury — and Graeme Souness had been dramatically dropped for the last vital match against the rugged Uruguayans when victory was needed for the Scots to go through.

Ferguson, who had been thrust into the managerial role when Jock Stein collapsed and died at Ninian Park less than an hour after substitute Davie Cooper's penalty had equalised against Wales and guaranteed a play-off against minnows Australia, was later to admit that he had blundered in denuding his team of the sharp cutting edge of the tough Souness.

Ferguson had the choice. Roxburgh hardly had any as Souness absented himself from internationals and, within a couple of games, Dalglish had joined him.

Roxburgh explains: "Scotland has never done well in the European Championships, maybe because important players tend to disappear after a World Cup.

"People like Graeme Souness and Kenny Dalglish faded out after a couple of games for me.

"You have to reassemble after a World Cup. In fact even in the European Championship we did better than we had done for a long, long time in terms of the points we gained.

"One game cost us qualification. We lost at home to the Republic of Ireland 1-0 in very traumatic circumstances. That was the one game which cost us it.

"It wasn't exactly a disaster but we didn't qualify and that is what you are judged on.

"This is our second campaign and we are desperate to qualify. So far we are going in the right direction but it is far too early to talk about doing it or not doing it.

"We have one or two good results and that is important. I now know the players extraordinarily well. When you start off in a job like mine you know the players superficially.

"I now know what we have got. They know me, my relationship with them, and my working methods. We are au fait with each other and they know what they are doing.

"I keep saying there's no transfer market in international football.

"Top teams in England and Scotland go out with their cheque book and buy a player if they need one.

"We have got to make the best out of what we have available and, secondly, try to nurture and develop our young players.

"In the last couple of years there wasn't obvious replacements for Souness and Dalglish who were natural leaders on the pitch.

"We are very much a unit with everyone playing for each other rather than studded with superstars. But one or two have developed very well like Gary Gillespie and Maurice Johnston in particular.

"They are people I have brought in. Another one brought in who would have been a star was Iain Durrant until he took an horrendous injury earlier this season.

"When you find a young talent who is going to make a difference and lose him through injury and you can't buy his replacement, that is a particular blow.

"We have got a very nice atmosphere within the group, they desperately want to play with the team. I like working with them.

"We are a happy, contented group. We don't claim to be world-beaters but do the best we can and, so far, have managed to push ourselves."

Perhaps his greatest achievement has been in harnessing the undoubted talents of striker Mo Johnston.

He was in his first international side — and he's now scoring consistently against some of the best sides in Europe.

So how has Handy Andy managed to tame a player who forced even Graham Taylor to admit defeat?

He says: "Maurice Johnston has got qualities as a football player.

"Working in France has helped them. In France they train twice a day on technical skills. In Great Britain training is often running around a track.

"Working on skills is the one thing Maurice needed. Physically he's very strong and he could run all day. He's always been like that.

"The extra technical domination they have added to him in France has made him a better player. It's a real irony he should cause so much damage to the French when they've done so much to develop him.

"I showed faith in him and he is repaying me. When I took over everyone in the world was telling me not to touch him with a bargepole.

"I like working with the boy. He's a great lad to work with and he's got an intelligent manner. Even off the park I get on very well with him. It's just a good relationship we have."

Roxburgh has not only won over Johnston: he's convinced some of his senior players that his own individualistic way is the right direction to head.

He recalls: "We told all the players a long time ago that when they turned up for four or five days that we were going to enjoy it whether we played well, whether we won or lost.

"There was no way they were going to go back to their clubs feeling they had been bored or that they had had a terrible time with us.

"We have forced, I'm not sure that's the right word, maybe it should be we have coerced, the Scotland squad.

"We make it different from the club routine. We have a laugh no matter what. We have a joke and a bit of fun.

"Andy Cameron, one of our top comedians, has done turns with us. Andy comes in and knocks them all in a humorous way.

"The last time he came I was the only person in the room laughing . . . every joke fell on stony ground except for me. I thought it was the players' way of trying to unsettle him.

"Then I discovered there had been a conspiracy against me. They deliberately kept quiet and then fell about at their joke.

"Things like that help the atmosphere. Before the World Cup game against France I took all the squad to an Italian restaurant I know.

"We took half of the restaurant over but the public were eating in the other half.

"We had a normal night out and all the players had their favourite dishes. They were booked in advance for them and we sat down like normal customers.

"Everyone enjoys that kind of thing. We try to treat them like adults and not children.

"I can't remember everything we have done but there are lots of small things . . . like horse-racing nights where the films are canned and everyone can bet on their favourites. It's good for us to go to the races!

"Even our team talks are fun. We have got away from using tactic boards. We either talk through things — having a live team talk — or we do it through video.

"We have got our own video compilation and our own editing suite. We can show everything we want to see about ourselves or the opposition on video.

"We show the edited highlights, no more than ten to fifteen minutes but it enables us to show exactly what we want everyone to see.

"I'll say: 'Here's ten minutes of what France can do — and then here's ten to fifteen minutes of what they can't do!'

"The ten minutes on France took us one and a quarter years to put

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together.

"We have, on video, every game the opposition have played . . . either the Scottish Football Association get it, we get it from the television companies or we've even asked a local hotel to video the game for us.

"There's only one team we have played that has surprised us and that was Yugoslavia. They hadn't played a World Cup match and had used about 40 players in the year we had been watching them so it was very difficult to know who they would pick and how they would play.

"But that's the only game when we haven't known exactly who the opposition would be and how they would play.

"It does help. Our second goal against France was down to a left hand side weakness that we had highlighted through the videos.

"I try and watch as many games as I can. I don't just pick big team matches either. I'll go to a schoolboy tournament or a youth international if it is on.

"I can't think of a time when I've ever gone to a match where there hasn't been a player I could possibly use. Well, there was one — ITV asked me to go to a West Ham-Luton Littlewoods Cup match for them. Even then I had watched Chelsea the day before.

"There was a possible Under-21 boy in the Luton team even then — the Luton forward Roy Wegerle's mother is Scottish so I did have a kind of business interest there.

"Alex Ferguson of Manchester United is also a great help. Every week he sends me everything that's on television in England, he videos any highlights as well and, in return, I send him everything that's been on in Scotland.

"If you want to include that we are watching every game it is possible to watch.

"I'll take my 11-year-old son Robert with me whenever I can. He's a goalkeeper in his school team and he loves going to watch other goalkeepers.

"As you know being so deeply involved in football is the most anti-social job anyone could have. This way it helps me to be able to do both my job and to be a proper father to him.

"Fortunately football is also my passion. My business is my hobby. If anyone ever asked me if I had the choice what would I like to do to relax I'd have to say watch soccer."

WORLD SOCCER SPECIAL ON SCOTLAND

SCOTS OPPOS ID C

SCOTLAND'S Roy Aitken

SCOTLAND is planning its campaign against Identification Cards to prevent a stroke-of-the-pen introduction by the British Government.

MP's, officials, and players have already started the anti-ID propaganda to alert fans what could happen if the Bill goes through in England.

One of the leading campaigners is Glasgow Rangers captain and England international Terry Butcher who says: "I am totally against them as an Englishman and obviously the Scots are worried about the possibility of them being introduced North of the Border."

Scotland can present a solid case as crowd violence is now a rarity at Scottish grounds.

Butcher told World Soccer: "The Scots fans go away to Europe and they are a great example. There is hardly any trouble at all.

"Obviously this is a big plus for the Scottish clubs and is one reason why so many players are willing to come here.

"Top players always want to play in the top competitions and that means European club championships.

"An example of how well behaved fans are at league matches is that at Ibrox three parts of the ground aren't fenced.

"The only fencing we have is in front of the enclosure where something like 3,000 to 6,000 fans stand which is a very small percentage compared to the 45,000 capacity.

"The rest of the stands aren't fenced in at all.

"But no-one comes onto the pitch. No-one comes onto the playing surface because as soon as they do they are arrested by the police and subsequently banned by the club from entering the ground for life.

"I think that is a fairly general rule in Scotland — police don't want fans on the pitch because that's when trouble can start.

"A few years back there was a mass invasion after a Celtic-Rangers Cup Final and I can remember pictures of a policewoman on a white horse running the gauntlet between the fans.

"Scotland has had its troubles in the past but now crowd behaviour is very much controlled by the police."

It is not only the hooligan who can find the strong arm of the Scottish law ready to turf them off the park.

Butcher recalls: "I can even remember one occasion when someone came onto the pitch in the first year I was at Ibrox. It was an admirer of our goalkeeper Chris Woods and she presented him with a red rose — and was promptly arrested.

"That told the public that people weren't wanted on the pitch, no matter the reason!"

Scotland's major plank against the terrace yobs was an regulation that has totally prohibited alcohol at all grounds.

Butcher went on: "Down South seems to be a little behind Scotland but a lot of the violence there has been stopped by the clubs now.

"There's no need for ID cards at the moment in Scotland. A lot of the reason is that there is no drink allowed at the ground at all.

"The ruling was introduced five or six years ago and it has made a difference.

"It doesn't stop fans going to the pub for a couple of drinks but the fact they can't take it into the grounds has helped enormously.

"People still go to the pubs but they don't drink during the match and obviously are not in a stupor at the game.

"By cutting out the alcohol it cut out a lot of the trouble. Our punters go to the football to watch football.

"The majority of English fans are the same but there's a small minority who are going to football to cause trouble.

"In England it seems to be more a matter of social disorder than actually relating to the football itself.

"There are a lot of arguments for or against ID cards. Most people in football are opposed to them because its along the lines of discrimination in the sense you are taking the good fans and putting them alongside the thugs.

"I thought the clubs were starting to get their house in order. I will be surprised if the law ever

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by PETER OAKES

goes through. There area lot of valid objections.

"The cost is frightening, not just for the big clubs but for every club.

"Our fans have been very well behaved and they go to watch football. It's more of an emotional occasion up here.

"Any hatred there is is emotional hatred because the fans all go to work with each other once the game is over.

"I've never seen a lot of bother at all. A lot is down to the drink. Once you get a few drunks they can get aggressive.

"Big Roy Aitken of Celtic and myself are against ID cards and we've appeared together at meetings with the MP Brian Wilson. "The whole question of ID cards is fraught with so many dangers. Scotland is very keen not to have them introduced.

"It's a bad scheme that will cause a lot of trouble.

"What is worrying us is that once its law in England it would only need a stroke of the pen for it to be extended to Scotland.

"The Scottish fan likes to watch his team home or away. He lives and breathes for that 90 minutes. "It seems to be very much life and death, they feel so strongly about their own team.

"Where they do differ from English fans is that if anyone is causing trouble or throwing things the fans will point out that troublemaker to the police.

"Down South they tend to conceal that troublemaker and everyone fights the police. The Scots fans don't want anything to spoil their football."

Celtic striker Mark McGhee with Rangers captain Terry Butcher.

ITALY HERE WE GO!

by GLENN GIBBONS

SCOTLAND'S position in Group 5 of the 1990 World Cup qualifying series would be coveted by even the most powerful nations in Europe.

Sitting at the top, unbeaten, with seven points from four matches (two away from home), Andy Roxburgh's well- knit squad will become virtual certainties for Italy next year if they knock over Cyprus at Hampden Park on April 26.

Just as significant as the two points which would accompany victory would be the fact that France and Yugoslavia, the Scots' most powerful rivals, collide in Paris just three days later.

Both would feel a chill beforehand from the knowledge that Roxburgh's men had such a commanding advantage.

And it would be all the more comforting to Scotland to know that the result in Paris would not adversely affect them.

Either or both rivals must sustain damage and, in a five-country group from which two qualify, the Scots would be in an almost impregnable position.

The probability of beating Cyprus deepened after Scotland's dramatic victory over the French in Glasgow on March 8.

Cautious

The goals from the ever-improving and irrepressible Mo Johnston which brought a 2-0 score prompted the normally cautious Roxburgh to step out of character and proclaim: "We cannot dwell on the possibility of Cyprus spoiling this for us.

"When they come here, we will simply have to run all over them, and that's what we'll do."

Roxburgh, of course, has not forgotten the desperately near thing in Limassol in February, when Richard Gough of Rangers headed the winner in the sixth minute of stoppage time after the Scots had trailed 2-1.

That memory has to be convincingly erased and the men from the holiday island may get the shock of their lives to find that the temperature in Glasgow is a few degrees hotter than the Eastern Mediterranean!

On the domestic front. Celtic's Frank McAvennie has moved back to London to rejoin relegation threatened West Ham in a £1.2 million deal.

McAvennie, 29, had looked likely to switch instead to Arsenal, where Gunners boss George Graham was eager to pep up his side's faltering title challenge.

But after a visit to Upton Park, McAvennie opted to join his former side's fight for First Division survival.

PLAYER PORTRAIT . . . by GREGOR TASSIE

RATS IS RANGERS TARGET

GRAEME SOUNESS'S interest in signing Vasili Rats must have started in Mexico in 1986 when Scotland were training for their match with West Germany when his interest was taken by another group match between France and the Soviet Union in Ieon.

The game was fairly even when a fine combination by the Soviets was devastatingly finished by a rocket left-foot shot by the virtually unknown Vasili Rats.

It was a brilliant strike which was to earn the Soviets a draw and a place in the next round.

It was also one of the finest goals of the whole tournament and one which made Rats an internationally known star.

Indeed, Vasili was to repeat his goal against the French four months later in Paris in a European Championship match clinching a victory against the then European Champions.

Vasili Rats was born on April 25, 1961 in the village of Fanichikovo in the Western Ukraine, the son of Hungarian parents.

His first coach was Piotr Prebush from the local sports school who put his name to the local side in Uzhgorod, "Goverlu".

In 1979 Rats joined Karpati Lvov, a first division side, but he found it difficult to get a place in the side and the following year was transfered to second division side Vinnitsa "Niva".

Here, he was noticed by the Dinamo Kiev scouts and in 1981 he joined the Kiev set-up.

Rats became a regular in the Dinamo reserves helping them win the reserve championship that year and he made his first-team debut on November 8 in Moscow against Dinamo and early in 1982 he scored his first goal in Leningrad against Zenit.

From 1982 until 1984, he played just a handful of first-team games due to the left midfield position being held by the talented and experienced Vladinir Veremeyev and indeed when he retired in 1983, Rats was hit by injury.

Glory

In the 1984 season, Lobanovski began to build a new team which was to challenge the best in world football and Rats became a firm part of the new side which won glory in Lyon in May, 1986.

In the Cup Winners Cup Final against Atletico Madrid, Rats made all three goals.

For the first, in just six minutes, Rats played the ball into the area for Zavarov to head into the net, and the second, scored by Blokhin was after some fine interpassing on the left flank.

The third was following a long through pass from Rats to Yevtushenko who had an easy job to take the ball by himself and stroke it past a bemused Fillol.

His first cap was gained against Rumania in the spring of that year and, of course, Rats was certainly for the Mexico World Cup.

The form of the Kiev players was red-hot as the Hungarians found out in a 6-1 drubbing, following the drawn match in Leon with France, everyone was raving about Rat's goal and indeed prediciting the revamped Soviet team to reach the semis.

History and a Spanish linesman was to go against the Soviet team in the match with Belgium and an early journey home had to be made yet at least they had put pride into themselves.

Back to the "bread and butter" of league football, Rats proved his class by scoring vital goals in the battle to retain the league.

The 1986 tourney ended with two mighty duels against the old rivals Moscow Dynamo, the first game away ended 1-1 and in Kiev the home side won 2-1, and indeed it was Rats who scored two crucial goals helping his team win the league for the twelth time.

In 1987, a Soviet Cup win was added to the Kiev trophy room and Rats scored in the dramatic final with Minsk.

During that year, Vasili was to occasionally move back to left full-back giving additional options for the team for his pace and power in going up the flank assisting the attack. Rat's versatility as a creative midfielder and as a defender was to be proven as well on the international scene, indeed it became a tactic which was to confuse and embarass the opposition.

Against Holland in the opening game in last year's Euro 88 tounament it was used to perfection.

After a cautious first half, the Soviets began to open up.

Repeating an earlier move, Rats sent a long pass up to Belanov which traversed the whole field, following some fine work by the winger he crossed the ball over the area to the inrushing Rats who shot past the Dutch keeper for an opening Soviet victory. Once again it was Rats the provider and finisher.

Yet the Soviet Union team lost the final, their cause ruined by injury and suspension and while some players damaged their reputations in Munich, Vasili Rats was not one of them.

The opening matches in the new World Cup campaign last autumn saw Rats make the first goal for Mikhailichenko in a 2-0 win over Austria.

An ever-present for both club and country over the last few years, his talents have made him a target for top Western Clubs now that Perestroika has opened up Soviet football to the Western market.

Broken

Due to this family, Rats would like a move to Hungary, yet already in the autumn of 1987 Glasgow Rangers made the first moves enquiring about the availability of Rats and Demyanenko.

It wasn't until after a bid from Espanol had broken down that Souness made his trip to Milan for preliminary talks with Mikhail Oshemkov the Kiev club secretary about a possible Rats transfer.

Certainly as Rat's wife is a fluent English speaker there shouldn't be too many problems settling down here.

Indeed at the beginning of 1989 Rats was in sparkling form in the pr-season training matches in West Germany and in Italy scoring goals.

However, pride of place goes to the brilliant strike against Bulgaria, he made and scored the winning goal himself, a commemoration for the birth of this first child, a son born just the day before Kiev!

Whether Vasili Rats becomes a Rangers player or not, only the future can tell, what is certain is that Rats will be one of the key players in the next World Cup in Italy next year.

VASILI RATS . . . a Glasgow Rangers target

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WORLD YOUTH CUP REPORT . . .

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THE FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth Cup stayed in Europe for another two years when Portugal — second in the European qualifying competition behind the USSR — plotted their way to victory in a tournament held in the heat and opulence of Saudi Arabia.

The achievement of Yugoslavia, the FRG and the GDR in 1987 — when they brought the gold, silver and bronze back to Europe from Chile — was emulated to some degree by the Portuguese, winning on Asian soil and giving the lie to all the predictions of victory for the likes of Brazil, Argentina, Nigeria and the Soviet Union.

Bringing with them 16 players from the European Youth championship squad, blending them and nurturing in them a highly-developed sense of cohesion and inter-dependence, Portugal produced a team well worthy of the title of World Youth Champions, a side which finally played the best football of the tournament.

Although they could not point to the international experience of many other teams in the championship — Brazil had five players from Chile '87, Nigeria six and Saudi Arabia even two from USSR '85 — Portugal showed a maturity which can only come from regular league football, many of their top players being farmed out to lower league teams by division one clubs.

Flattered

But although the silver trophy returned to Europe, the honours were spread more democratically than ever before.

The last eight quarter-finalists represented five continents and the last four came from as many continents, too — Europe, Africa, South America and North America.

As beaten finalists, Nigeria maintained an extraordinary record in world youth football — third in USSR '85; winners in the under-16 in China the same year; runners-up in the 1987 under-16; and now runners-up again, clear evidence of the systematic work being done in youth football in that country.

As for Brazil, third place may be a disappointment but their earlier performances in Saudi Arabia flattered to deceive.

Faced with sterner stuff from Portugal, they were found lacking but their contribution to the colour of the tournament was undeniable.

And the USA? It was certainly no mean achievement to take fourth place, only one worse than the bronze medal they had already won in this year's other FIFA World Championship, the five-a-side in Holland in January.

With the US team already qualified for the under-16 finals in Scotland in June, plus Italy '90 qualification in the offing, the Americans are beginning to make their way in the soccer world.

Certainly, their attitude to the game is admirable as the US finished worthy winners of the FIFA Fair Play trophy.

Coach Bob Gansler has been promoted from being thoughtful mentor of the under-20's to the man in charge of the senior US side, a move which no observer in Saudi Arabia would quarrel with.

A propos fair play: an early flurry of red cards (including three for the Nigerians in two games) thankfully petered out but the Africans still appear to have trouble at times distinguishing between the permissible and the downright crude.

Now that they have established themselves as more than competitive on the international scene, the ebullient Africans would do well to pay a little more attention to the protocol of the game.

Especially in Saudi Arabia, protocol is no empty word. The World Youth Championship was a massive exercise in public relations for a country obsessively proud of its economic development and complacently wallowing in petro-dollars.

Facilities

But the propaganda message, delivered with neither compromise, subtlety nor respite, was largely counter-productive in its bludgeoning smugness and predictability.

True, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia can boast magnificent sports facilities, none more so than the stupendous King Fahd International Stadium in Riyadh, showplace for the opening and final, as well as other matches, a $580 million architectural marvel rising out of the desert.

But the stadium's most important feature, the pitch (not the sumptuous royal pavilion) was in dire condition and had to be painted green to cover the large brown patches, created by endlessly marching feet in the pretentiously long opening ceremony.

Ultimate objective of the whole championship, from the Saudi point of view, was to show FIFA that the Kingdom was ready to host the World Cup — the real thing.

Faced with this scarcely concealed ambition, FIFA diplomatically maintained a carefully chosen stance which respectfully pointed out that the difference between the World Youth Championship and the Big One is still substantial.

Besides, Saudi Arabia's oft-quoted passion for football did not seem to extend far beyond a devotion for the home team and once they were eliminated, enthusiasm dwindled.

It did pick up again in the later stages of the tournament, especially in Jeddah, where the intimacy of the old stadium was a more appealing stage than the sterile amphitheatre under the fibreglass bedouin-style roof of the Riyadh Stadium.

For main sponsors Coca-Cola, the championship had special implications, opening, as it did, the door again to a country where the world's most famous soft drink had been banned for a couple of decades because of Coke's business links in Israel — handsome reward for the company's long-established and generous support for FIFA's youth projects.

GROUP A

HOSTS Saudi Arabia set out with high hopes, despite the fact that no World Youth organising country has ever won the championship.

With royal patronage and with no expense spared, the young Saudis started well enough, Al-Suraiti heading home after a mere 15 minutes in the opening match against Nigeria.

But Adepoju scored an even better header to equalise after the break and the outstanding Christopher Ohenhen slammed home a sensational free kick winner in the dying minutes.

Czech goalkeeper Juracka thwarted the Saudis and Northern Ireland referee Alan Snoddy bravely denied the home favourites a penalty as Saudi Arabia lost to an only goal and went out.

They then went on to restore some pride by thrashing eventual champions Portugal — who had already qualified — by 3-0.

The Portuguese had Paulo Alves to thank for a late winner against the Czechs and also won by a single Joao Pinto goal against a Nigerian team depleted by two red cards.

Nwosu produced a dramatic solo effort to get the vital equaliser for Nigeria which saw them go through over Czechoslovakia after Prochazka had missed a simple double chance to clinch it.

GROUP B

ON THE east coast beside the Persian Gulf, the USSR went to work with typical thoroughness, polishing off Syria with a couple of breakaways after the Syrians — last-gasp qualifiers in the Asia-Oceania play-offs — had produced 30 minutes of impressive football in the second-half.

Costa Rica, winners over Colombia with a brilliant 87th minute free kick curled in by captain Gonzales, and despite a red card for Danilo Brenes, offered resistance but the Soviets took the points with a delightful goal by substitute Matveev, put through by Kiriakov.

Although the USSR saw off Colombia in their third match by 1-0, a quirk of goal difference still put the Colombians through, on the strength of two points gleaned from the hapless Syrians, who were 3-1 winners in their last match against faltering Costa Rica.

GROUP C

JEDDAH was just right for Brazil, the Red Sea atmosphere making them feel at home as they hit form and made friends immediately.

It should have been more than just 2-0 against the East Germans and though Mali managed to stem the tide until half-time, there was no relenting after the break as the yellow shirts cracked home five goals against the bemused Africans.

The USA had looked shaky against Mali with an opening 1-1 draw, in which a dominating Neil Covone in midfield could not hide an uncertain American defence, but they then produced an excellent match to eliminate the East Germans, bitterly disappointed that their inexperienced squad could not live up to the bronze medal won two years ago in Chile.

The US went one-up against Brazil but could not hold the pace despite the brilliance of Casey Keller's goalkeeping.

As for Mali, their lack of exposure at this level finally revealed itself brutally as N'Faly lashed out at East Germany's diving goalkeeper Schulze and cracked his jaw — and then saw the red card in the seven-minute confusion which followed.

GROUP D

THIS group, too, was settled by the narrowest of goal difference margins as far as the runners-up were concerned.

Iraq, surrounded by rumours of over-age players, won all three games although their opener against Norway was not altogether convincing as they missed a fifth minute penalty and Norway hit a post.

There was more bad luck for the plucky Scandinavians in their second game against Argentina when they dominated the second-half, only to be picked off by a second goal on the break in the dying seconds.

That win restored Argentina's hopes after they had earlier lost 2-1 to Spain when skipper Simeone scored a great free kick after 12 minutes, only for goalkeeper Bonano to drop the ball for Spain's equaliser before Villabona got Spain's winner from the penalty spot.

But Spain then blew it against the likeable Norwegians in a match which produced four goals in six minutes, while Argentina hung on to

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the narrowest of defeats against Iraq to sneak into the quarter-finals by a few decimal points in the goals column.

QUARTER-FINALS

Portugal 1
Colombia 0

THE goal was the only highlight in an otherwise rather ordinary game, which failed to attract more than a couple of thousand spectators to the vast King Fahd Stadium.

The strike came after 39 minutes when the nimble Jorge Couto swivelled to volley home a clean cross from right winger Joao Pinto — an excellent goal.

Portugal were generally too well organised to allow the South Americans more than a sniff at goal, even though goalkeeper Calero made some adventurous sorties up to the halfway line in the second-half in an increasingly desperate attempt to get back into the game.

Nigeria 4
USSR 4 (after extra-time)
Nigeria win 5-3 on penalties

IF it had been the USSR who came back from 0-4 down, this may have been credible. But here, the roles were reversed.

With half-an-hour to go, the USSR were home and dry, putting the upstart Nigerians in their place.

Then came an exaggerated rush of Glasnost and the Africans grabbed four goals, two of them from stunning free kicks by Ohenhen and two not entirely without the unwitting contribution of goalkeeper Ptchelnikov.

Nigeria's keeper Emeka Amadi turned out to be the hero, coming on as substitute for the despondent Ieji at half-time and eventually stopping the penalty that counted in the shoot-out.

USSR coach Boris Ignatev acknowledged afterwards that his players had become complacent and could no longer raise their game.

For the Nigerians, it was a kind of consolation for their defeat by the USSR in a penalty shoot-out in the Final of the 1987 Under-16 tournament in Canada.

Brazil 1
Argentina 0

BEFORE an enchanted crowd of 30,000, Brazil escaped vigorous penalty appeals from Argentina and a general offensive from their South American rivals during the middle part of the match to reach the semi-finals on the strength of a 15th minute goal by Dos Santos.

The goal came as no surprise after an early Brazilian onslaught had created a handful of good chances and eventually it was Bismarck's intelligent free kick which set up the goal.

Italian referee Lanese refused Argentinian appeals as Ruidiaz tumbled in the box after 27 minutes and this spurred on an Argentinian team which had been the first to arrive in Saudi Arabia, ten days before the championship began.

But Brazil, with uncharacteristic long balls from midfield, weathered the storm and nearly scored again when Aguliar headed Da Silva's second attempt off the line.

USA 2
Iraq 1

THE ability to take what chances were offered paid handsome dividends for the under-rated Americans, whose progress to the last four helped in the long-term campaign for soccer promotion in the land of the 1994 World Cup.

Chris Henderson put the US one-up after 15 minutes, beating the suspect over-age Iraqi goalkeeper Ahmad Taqfeek Omar from the edge of the area.

But the US could not keep Iraq out and the equaliser came after 36 minutes, untidy defensive work letting Kareem Muhammen Wali belt his shot past goalkeeper Keller.

With Steve Snow left as a front runner, the US soaked up the pressure but it was Snow's run that produced the free kick which Dario Brose cracked home — via a defender — 12 minutes into the second-half.

From then on, it was a matter of American resolution winning over Iraqi frustration.

SEMI-FINALS

Portugal 1
Brazil 0

BRAZIL went into the Riyadh semi-final confident enough against the country to whom the South Americans export a continual flow of players — many of whom, ironically enough, only succeed in keeping home-grown Portuguese youngsters out of the top teams.

Maybe some of that resentment came out in the Portuguese display of determination against their transatlantic cousins, plus the will to overcome a much-cited 2-0 victory by Brazil's youth team over Portugal a year earlier.

The compact Portuguese never allowed Brazil into their stride, at least not until the goal, scored when Leonardo weakly headed Helio's free kick into the path of the grateful Amaral.

The goal, plus two shots against the Brazilian woodwork, at last galvanised the favourites into action but not even the lively Bismarck could beat the splendid Portuguese goalkeeper Bizarro.

And when Anderson hit Bizarro's post with only two minutes to go, it was the end of Brazil's hopes of adding a third Coca-Cola Cup to those they won in 1983 and 1985.

Nigeria 2
USA 1 (after extra-time)

IN probably the best match of the tournament between two very well-matched teams before a packed crowd and on a superb playing surface in Jeddah, the American youngsters did more to popularise their sport back home than the World Cup fathers in Colorado Springs could have hoped for.

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1. Frank SCHULZE (21.3.70); 2. Steffen FREUND (19.1.70); 3. Mario KERN (16.8.69); 4. Lars HERMEL (28.9.70); 5. Steffen KARL (3.2.70); 6. Thomas GRABOW (7.9.69); 7. Stephan PRAUSE (18.1.70); 8. Torsten RASPE (1.8.69); 9. Juergen RISCHE (30.10.70); 10. Uwe JAEHNIG (26.8.69); 11. Henri FUCHS (23.6.70); 12. Thomas STRECKER (7.4.71); 13. Thomas RATH (26.7.70); 14. Olaf SCHREIBER (12.9.69); 15. Sandy ENGE (3.6.71); 16. Thomas WEISS (17.8.70); 17. Sven KMETSCH (13.8.70); 18. Michael WEINRICH (3.11.69). Coach: Lothar PRIEBE.

IRAQ

1. Ahmad Tawfeek OMAR; 2. Hashim Hassan IMAD; 3. Attiyah Zwair ABBAS; 4. Haydar Mohammed SHARAR; 5. Kareem Mohammed WALI; 6. Khamis Assi AMIR; 7. Hussein Ali SALIM; 8. Nazef Faraj NAZAR; 9. Abid Abdul Ridha MAJID; 10. Hussein Shhaib LAITH; 11. Abdul A.Attia RIADH; 12. Kadhim Hasan SAMIR; 13. Saddam Menshed NAIEM; 14. Shnaishel Swadi RADHI; 15. Abdel Hameed SAAD; 16. Hadi Muhsin HAMZA; 17. Abdel Hussein F. MOHAMMED; 18. Jassim Abdulla MAHMOUD. Coach: Jassam Homi ANWAR.

MALI

1. Bouba DIABATE (19.12.70); 2. Habib SANGARE (26.9.69); 3. Diadie SIDIBE (14.8.69); 4. Boubacar BARRY (25.11.70); 5. Oumar GUINDO (19.12.69); 6. Mamoutou TOLLO (25.9.70); 7. Boubacar SISSOKO (26.10.71); 8. Ibrahima Sory TOURE (15.9.70); 9. Malick TANDJIGORA (22.11.70); 10. Alassane DIALLO (7.9.70); 11. N'Faly KANTE (26.12.70); 12. Issa SOUMARE (15.12.69); 13. Oumar SIDIBE (12.12.70); 14. Amadou BASS (22.12.69); 15. Soumaila COULIBALY (12.10.70); 16. Youssouf KOITE (25.12.69); 17. Mamadou DISSA TIDIANE (31.12.69); 18. Mamoutou KANE (24.12.70). Coach: Abdoulaye DIAWARA.

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Sheer entertainment, end-to-end, with only the Nigerians' experience as the decisive factor.

The US had the upper hand in the first-half but it was Nigeria who took the lead, Adepoju snapping up a badly misjudged low header from defender Tony Dayak to beat Keller with a low shot.

But the US bounced back and when Brose was sandwiched in the penalty area, Snow slotted home the penalty.

In extra-time, US goalkeeper Keller's insistence on collecting every high ball to enter his area eventually cost his side the match.

Keller misjudged a cross and could not keep out Adepoju's firm header. But no faulting Keller — his goalkeeping, especially a stupendous one-hand stop from Adepoju from close range, was one of the features of a memorable encounter.

THIRD-PLACE PLAY-OFF

Brazil 2
USA 0

WATCHED from the Royal Box by Pele, flown in as a FIFA representative for the occasion, the Brazilians were simply too accomplished for a dogged but exhausted American side and two goals midway through the second-half deflated their challenge for the bronze medal.

Firstly, it was Franca who was the extra man in a delightful build-up after 66 minutes, then three minutes later, Leonardo hit the target with a screaming drive from fully 30 metres.

Brazil may have had more but for Keller, but did not really need them,

RESULTS

GROUP A — Riyadh

Saudi Arabia 1 (Al Suraiti 16)
Nigeria 2 (Adepoju 52, Ohenhen 87)
HT: 1-0. Att: 70,000. Ref: Van Langenhove (Bel).

Nigeria 0 Portugal 1 (Joao Pinto 79)
HT: 0-0. Att: 7,000. Ref: Nervik (Nor).
Czechoslovakia 0 Portugal 1 (Paulo Alves 88)
HT: 0:0. Att: 7,000. Ref: Ramiz Wright (Bra)

Saudi Arabia 3 (Al-Harbi 52, Al Roaihi 56, Al-Debaikhi 83)
Portugal 0 HT: 0:0. Att: 8,000. Ref: Ramiz Wright (Braz)

Saudi Arabia 0 Czechoslovakia 1 (Latal 52)
HT: 0:0. Att: 20,000. Ref: Snoddy (N Ire)

Nigeria 1 (Nwosu 72)
Czechoslovakia 1 (Latel 14)
HT: 0:1. Att: 8,000. Ref: Brizio Carter (Mex)

GROUP B — Dammam

Costa Rica 1 (Gonzales)
Colombia 0 HT: 0:0. Att: 11,000. Ref: Al-Nasir (S.Arabia)

Colombia 2 (Munoz 42, Osorio 85)
Syria 0 HT: 1:0. Att: 9,545. Ref: Wallace (NZ)

USSR 3 (Tedeev 29, Salenko 49, 83)
Syria 1 (Sibai 65)
HT: 1:0. Att: 11,000. Ref: Bava (Arg)

Costa Rica 1 (Brenes 80)
Syria 3 (Helou 16 and 45, Afash 30)
HT: 0:3. Att: 6,000. Ref: Sene (Senegal)

Costa Rica 0 USSR 1 (Matveev 84)
HT: 0:0. Att: 5,000. Ref: Schmidhuber (Ger)

Colombia 1 (Munoz 6)
USSR 3 (Timochenko 25, Salenko 29 and 32)
HT: 1:3. Att: 9,770. Ref: Lanosa (It)

GROUP C — Jeddah

Brazil 2 (Marcelo Henrique 35, Franca 68)
East Germany 0
HT: 1:0. Att: 35,000. Ref: Midgley (Eng)

East Germany 0
USA 2 (Dayak 47, Snow 87)
HT: 0:0. Att: 10,000. Ref: Sarr (Mauritania)

Mali 1 (Kante N'Faly 42)
USA 1 (Snow 11)
HT: 1:1. Att: 35,000. Ref: Jacome Guerreo (Ecuador)

Brazil 3 (Bismark 39, Marcelo Henrique 44, Anderson 55)
USA 1 (Dayak 10)
HT: 2:1. Att: 25,000. Ref: Forstinger (Austria)

Brazil 5 (Cassio 50, Bismark 53, Anderson 66, Anderson 80, Bismark 83)
Mali 0
HT: 0:0. Att: 10,000. Ref: Jassim (Bahrain)

East Germany 3 (Prause 28, Fuchs 46, Jaehnig 55)
Mali 0
HT: 1:0. Att: 25,000. Ref: Ortiz Cardosa (El Sal)

GROUP D — Taif

Norway 0
Iraq 1 (Naiem 66)
HT: 0:0. Att: 13,000. Ref: Torres Cadena (Colum)

Iraq 2 (Wali 41, Laith 51)
Spain 0
HT: 1:0. Att: 13,500. Ref: Shengcai (China)

Argentina 1 (Simeono 12)
Spain 2 (Moises 26, Villabona 58)
HT: 1:1. Att: 14,000. Ref: Spirin (USSR)

Norway 4 (Drillestad 43, Johansen 46, Bohinen 58, Mellemstrand 90)
Spain 2 (Pinilla 46, Pinilla 49)
HT: 1:0. Att: 17,000. Ref: Jouini (Tunisia)

Iraq 1 (Radhi 67 pen)
Argentina 0
HT 0-0. Att: 17,000. Ref: Marko (Cz)

FROM JONATHAN SHALLARD

as the Americans' heart wasn't quite in it at the end.

Fittingly enough, the game featured the two players who were later to top the Adidas Golden Ball awards, gold going to Bismarck and silver to Keller, with Nigeria's Nwosu third.

FINAL

Portugal 2
Nigeria 0

KING Fahd joined Pele in the Royal Box at half-time, well timed in order to see Portugal — whom the King's own youthful subjects had beaten 3-0 in the first round, remember — turn it on against the crowd's favourites Nigeria.

But the King missed the extraordinary opening scenes when Portugal could have scored three goals in the first five minutes.

After 50 seconds, Charity had to block Paulo Madeira's header on the line, the ball bobbled endlessly around the Africans' goalmouth and at one point, keeper Emeka Amadi almost rolled the ball nervously into his own net.

The first goal came at a good moment for Portugal, the excellent defender Abel Silva cracking home a left foot shot just before the interval.

Nigeria failed to raise their pace, or could not, against the disciplined Europeans, whose regular breakaways promised the goal which eventually came when Emeka (substituted immediately afterwards) let Jorge Couto's 76th minute shot slip under him.

Thus the Portuguese won not only their first major international award but even the hearts of the Riyadh crowd, where they had played all of their six matches in the championship.

Norway 0
Argentina 2 (Biazotti 5, Ubaldi 89)
HT: 0-1. Att: 3,000. Ref: Angeles (USA)

QUARTER-FINALS
Portugal 1 (Jorge Couto 40)
Colombia 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 5,000. Ref: Jouini (Tun)

Portugal: Bizarro — Valido, Abel, Morgado, Filipe — Toze, Fernando Couto, Helio, Amaral (Paulo Madeira 85) — Joao Pinto, Jorge Couto (Folha 62).

Colombia: Calero — Bermudez, Velez, Cassiani, Moreno (Castro 45) — Torres, Restrepo, Osorio, Calanche — Santa (Jimonez 34), Munoz.

Iraq 1 (Wali 80)
USA 2 (Henderson 17, Brose 56)
HT: 0-1. Att: 18,000. Ref: Schmidhuber (WG)

Iraq: Imad — Sharar, Radhi, Samir, Saad — Hamza (Majid 32), Riadh, Mohammed Abdel, Naiem (Nezar 83) — Laith, Wali.

USA: Keller — Onalfo, Rast, Dayak, Covone — Munnelly, Thompson, Henderson, Brose (Horton 76) — Lagos, Snow.

USSR 4 (Kiriakov 30 and 58, Tedeev 45, Salenko 46) Nigeria 4 (Ohenhen 61 and 75, Elijah 83, Ugbade 84) Nigeria win 5-3 on pens HT: 2-0. Att: 10,000. Ref: Torstinger (Aus)

USSR: Ptchelnikov — Bejenar, Zaets, Tabounov, Kassymov — Popovitch, Timochenko (Benko 86), Tedeev — Salenko, Kiriakov (Nikiforov 15).

Nigeria: Ikeji (Amadi 46) — Onyemachara, Ogaba, Elijah, Abdullah — Oyekale (Chinedu 60), Adepoju, Nwosu, Oladimeji — Ugbade, Ohenhen.

Brazil 1 (Marcelo Henrique 15)
Argentina 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 35,000. Ref: Lanese (It)

Brazil: Carlos — Rogerio, Edson, Cassio, Moacir — Leonardo, Franca, Bismarck, Gil Sergio (Souza 86) — Marcelo Henrique (Assis 63), Anderson.

Argentina: Bonano — Gastaldi, Gamboa (Biazotti 89), Boggio, Ruidiaz — Carracedo, Simeone, Gallego (Scotto 77) — Ubaldi, Mohammed.

SEMI-FINALS

Portugal 1 (Amaral 68)
Brazil 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 15,000. Ref: Marko (Cz)

Portugal: Bizarro — Valido, Abel, Morgado, Helio — Filipe, Fernando Couto, Toze, Amaral (Xavier 79) — Joao Pinto, Jorge Couto (Paulo Madeira 75).

Brazil: Carlos — Edson, Cassio, Rogerio, Leonardo — Moacir, Franca, Gil Sergio (Gustavo 72), Marcelo Henrique (Assis 72) — Anderson, Bismarck.

Nigeria 2 (Adepoju 47 and 93)
USA 1 (Snow 50 pen)
(after extra-time)
HT: 1-1. Att: 40,000. Ref: Midgeley (Eng)

Nigeria: Amadi — Elijah, Onyemachara, Chinedu, Ogabe — Abdullah, Nwosu, Adepoju, Oladimeji — Ohenhen, Emoedofu (Osundo 21)(Balogun 87).

USA: Keller — Onalfo, Burns, Dayak, Covone — Rast, Henderson, Brose, Munnelly — Lagos, Snow.

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF
Brazil 2 (Franca 16, Leonardo 69)
USA 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 65,000. Ref: Jouini (Tun)

Brazil: Carlos — Edson, Cassio, Moacir, Rogerio — Leonardo, Bismarck, Franca, Sergio Gil — Anderson (Gustavo 81), Assis.

USA: Keller — Onalfo, Thompson, Dayak, Rast — Brose (Yorks 65), Burns, Covone, Henderson (Munnelly 74) — Snow, Crawley.

FINAL
Portugal 2 (Abel 44, Jorge Couto 77)
Nigeria 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 65,000. Ref: Schmidhuber (WG)

Portugal: Bizarro — Valido, Abel, Paulo Madeira, Morgado — Helio, Toze, Filipe, Jorge Couto — Amaral (Paulo Alves 88), Joao Pinto (Folha 90).

Nigeria: Amadi (Ikeji 81) — Elijah, Onyemachara, Chinedu, Charity — Oladimeji, Ogaba, Nwosu, Adepoju — Balogun (Osundo 49), Ohenhen.

NIGERIA

1. Angus IEJI (10.12.70); 2. Jimoh BALOGUN (17.12.70); 3. Nduka UGBADE (6.9.69); 4. Christopher OHENHEN (14.10.70); 5. Samuel ELIJAH (14.11.69); 6. Enegwea TAIWO (29.6.72); 7. Oladuni OYEKALE (9.12.72); 8. Mutiu ADEPOJU (22.12.70); 9. Peter OGABA (24.9.74); 10. Mohammed OLADIMEJI (24.7.71); 11. Anthony Emoedofu (1.12.72); 12. Odiari CHINEDU (23.12.69); 13. Tunde CHARITY (18.11.70); 14. Christopher NWOSU (6.10.71); 15. Michael ONYEMACHARA (13.1.70); 16. Bawa ABDULLAH (20.4.72); 17. Philip OSUNDO (28.11.71); 18. Emeka AMADI (26.8.72). Coach: Olatunde DISU.

NORWAY

1. Morten SVALSTAD (25.9.69); 2. Henning BERG (1.9.69); 3. Tore PEDERSEN (29.9.69); 4. Roger NILSEN (8.8.69); 5. Stig Inge BJORNEBYE (11.12.69); 6. Bjorn JOHANSEN (7.9.69); 7. Terje OLSEN (22.12.70); 8. Lars BOHINEN (8.9.69); 9. Oyvind MELLEMSTRAND (17.10.69); 10. Claus Lehland EFTEVAAG (20.12.69); 11. Krister ISAKSEN (15.4.70); 12. Roar HAGEN (9.8.71); 13. Lars GREVSKOTT (12.9.69); 14. Kjetil SIGURDSEN (19.2.70); 15. Oystein DRILLESTAD (22.1.70); 16. Oyvind LEONHARDSEN (17.8.70); 17. Stein Arne INGELSTAD (25.7.70); Roar STRAND (2.2.70). Coach: Svein Ivar SIGERNES.

PORTUGAL

1. Vitor BAIA (15.10.69); 2. ABEL Silva (21.8.69); 3. PAULO ALVES (10.12.69); 4. Paulo SOUSA (30.8.70); 5. Mario MORGADO (31.12.69); 6. JORGE COUTO (1.7.70); 7. Antonio Pereira (TOZE) (6.9.69); 8. HELIO Sousa (12.8.69); 9. Jose XAVIER (15.8.69); 10. PAULO MADEIRA (6.9.70); 11. FILIPE Ramos (21.4.70); 12. Jose BIZARRO (11.1.70); 13. Antonio RESENDE (6.11.69); 14. JOAO PINTO (19.8.71); 15. Pedro Franco (VALIDO) (13.3.70); 16. FERNANDO COUTO (2.8.69); 17. Antonio FOLHA (21.5.71); 18. Jorge Rodrigues (AMARAL) (1.6.70). Coach: Carlos Manuel BRITO LEAL QUEIROZ.

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NEWS FROM SOUTH AMERICA...

BRAZILIAN WIN FOR BA

BAHIA, from the north eastern port of Salvador, which has a 1.5 million population, won the Brazilian national championship for the first time in 30 years when they drew 0-0 with Internacional of Porto Alegre at the latter's stadium after having beaten them 2-1 in the home leg of the final.

For once, no team from Rio de Janeiro or Sao Paulo, the two strongest regions for soccer, made the final and only one — Fluminense of Rio (beaten by Bahia) — made the semi-finals.

Internacional beat their town rivals Gremio in the other semi-final.

Bahia — coached by Evaristo Macedo, who was in charge of the Brazilian national squad in 1985 — have no well-known stars but made up for it, in the words of their coach, by "teamwork, dedication and determination".

Bahia last won the national title in 1959 when they beat Santos, with Pele, in the final to become Brazil's first representatives in the following year's inaugural South American club championship, now known as the Libertadores Cup.

Internacional, three-times national champions and runners-up last year, finished with the championship's top scorer in Nilson with 15 goals.

ARGENTINA: Racing Club, of Avellaneda, who topped the Argentine national championship at the halfway stage before its six-week summer break, have struck a bad patch since then.

First, they lost points to a controversial decision following their match against Boca Juniors, which was suspended at half- time with the score 0-0 when two Boca players were felled by objects thrown from the stands.

And since the re-start of the championship, they have only won one match, lost one and drawn two, losing one of the latter in the post-match penalty shoot-out while winning the other.

The objects which knocked out the two Boca players were allegedly thrown by Racing fans — hence the punishment — but the general opinion is that the match should have been completed, even if behind closed doors.

The Argentine FA's disciplinary committee has been inconsistent in its decisions and when popular Boca Juniors were awarded the points, they gained this year's second Libertadores Cup place.

The top two teams in the first round gained entry as this year's Libertadores Cup started long before the end of the championship.

Racing Club are now joint second with their Avellaneda rivals, Independiente, four points behind Boca Juniors, but the two points they lost will only be discounted at the end of the championship.

Potential

River Plate, coached by former World Cup winner Cesar Menotti, are showing a bit more of their potential in this second half of the championship.

They beat their traditional rivals, Boca Juniors, 4-3 on penalties after a 0-0 draw in which they had also been closer to victory with Boca goalkeeper Navarro Montoya — a Colombian who has replaced veteran Hugo Gatti — keeping River Plate out towards the end.

It was one of the better classics between these two big teams which lined up as follows:

Boca Juniors: Navarro Montoya, Stafuza, Simon, Cuciuffo, Hrabina, Carrizo, Marangoni, Tapia, Graciani, Perazzo, Jorge Comas.

River Plate: Comizzo, Basualdo, Higuain, Passarella, Carlos Enrique, Batista, Corti, Palma, Reinoso (Zamora), Balbo, Da Silva (Hector Enrique).

One team playing consistently good team soccer are Argentinos Juniors, Diego Maradona's first club, who have only been beaten once in their last 15 games and are five points from the top in fourth place — not so much as three points are awarded for an outright win this season.

They have the league top scorer in international Dertycia, who has scored 16 goals and has just decided to withdraw from the national team squad.

THE 1989 Colombian professional championship, originally due to begin on February 19, is still being held up by the government, which is investigating all 15 clubs whose books are not in order.

The government claim that profits from drug trafficking are being pumped into these clubs and some of them have already been found to have broken exchange regulations.

It also seems that this money is being used to bribe referees to throw results.

The government can refuse licenses to clubs whose internal affairs are not in order and this, in turn, means that the clubs cannot use the stadiums which belong to the municipalities of their respective cities.

While the government continued with its investigation, the clubs agreed to present lists of their member shareholders to the authority for investigation.

This does not, however, affect the participation of champions Millonarios and vice-champions Nacional in this year's Libertadores Cup.

SPORTING CRISTAL won the Peruvian national title (1988 version) for the ninth time when they beat Universitario, also from Lima, 2-1 in extra time.

Universitario had won the regional championship and Sporting the de-centralized championship to qualify for this clash.

Some 30,000 spectators watched favourites Universitario show clear superiority in the first-half, although they were unable to score.

Snatch

Sporting evened up play in the second-half when Oscar Calvo replaced injured Percy Olivares.

Calvo put Cristal one up after 20 minutes and Universitario pressed for most of the rest of the game but could only snatch an equaliser through Fidel Suarez two minutes from time.

Luis Reheder put Cristal ahead again just two minutes into extra-time and then constant Universitario pressure failed against the strong Cristal defence.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE WINNERS

BRAZIL (since 1971): 4 — Flamengo (Rio); 3 — Internacional (Porto Alegre); 2 — Palmeiras (Sao Paulo), Sao Paulo FC (Sao Paulo); 1 — Atletico Mineiro (Minas Gerais), Vasco da Gama (Rio), Guarani de Campinas (Sao Paulo), Gremio (Porto Alegre), Fluminense (Rio), Atletico Curitiba (Parana), Bahia (Salvador).

PERU (since 1926): 17 — Universitario de Deportes; 16 — Alianza Lima; 10 — Sporting Cristal; 6 — Sport Boys; 4 — Dep Municipal; 2 — Mariscal Sucre, Atletico Chalaco; 1 — CS Progreso, Defensor Lima, Union Huaral, Melgar FC, Colegio San Agustin.

BOLIVIA (since 1958): 8 — Jorge Wilsterman (Cochabamba), Bolivar (La Paz); 5 — The Strongest (La Paz); 4 — Municipal (La Paz); 3 — Oriente Petrolero (Santa Cruz); 1 — Universitario (La Paz), Chaco Petrolero (La Paz), Blooming (Santa Cruz).

MEXICO BACK IN ACTION

MEXICO, who were suspended from competitive international soccer by FIFA until April 1990 — which keeps them out of the next World Cup — returned to the scene in February for the first time since the ban was imposed for altering the ages of players in a junior tournament.

The Mexicans beat Poland 3-1 in a friendly in Puebla, a match which marked the debut as national team coach of Alberto Guerra and the start of preparations for qualifying games for the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.

Meanwhile, Rafael Del Castillo, the president of the Mexican FA before the suspension and who himself was banned for life as a soccer official by FIFA and CONCACAF (the North and Central American and Caribbean Federation), was absolved by a Mexican court of any blame in the scandal.

The court continues to investigate other officials and players however.

Toluca won the Mexican Cup (KO) by beating Universidad de Guadalajara 3-2 on aggregate in the two-legged final.

The two teams had drawn the first leg 1-1 in Guadalajara while Toluca won 2-1 at home. But this rough match was suspended after 10 minutes of extra-time when Universitario were only left with six men (and could not carry on) while Toluca had nine due to seven players being sent off following a general fight.

Defending champions America have the second best record in the four-group Mexican first division and one of their rare defeats — 2-1 against Mexico City rivals Universidad Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) — ended in fighting and 150 fans being arrested.

UNAM have the joint second-best record, two points behind Puebla.

Chilean Mario Maldonado became the sixth coach to be dismissed (by Irapuato) in the Mexican first division this season.

...BY ERIC WEIL

TITLE AHIA

BOLIVAR retained the Bolivian national title with a 3-0 win over The Strongest in front of 53,000 spectators in the final in La Paz.

It was Bolivar's fourth title since the professional national league began to function in 1977 and it had an Argentine look about it.

Argentine striker Juan Jose Urruti scored two of the goals, the first after only five minutes, and the team was coached by his compatriot Jorge Habegger, who returned to the club after resigning as Bolivia's national team coach.

BARCELONA and Filanbanco were the only clubs with full points after two round of the Ecuadorian first division which, once again, has been modified.

The 12 clubs which finished in the best positions last season are playing in one section and the other eight in another.

Defending champions, Emelec, a point behind, fielded reserves in their last match in view of Libertadores Cup commitments a few days later.

Paraguayan striker Julian Jimenez of The Strongest of Bolivia celebrates his side's goal in the Libertadores Cup clash with Penarol of Uruguay. Penarol went on to win 2-1.

TAYLOR HITS OUT

from BRIAN HOMEWOOD

THE British team arrived for the recent Veterans World Cup "without anyone distinguished in the party" said one Brazilian newspaper.

Not true. The British delegation contained one man who has taken part in a World Cup Final — referee Jack Taylor, the man in charge of the Holland versus West Germany clash in 1974.

Although retired for 12 years, Taylor can hardly be said to be out of touch with football.

He works for the marketing division of the Football League, watches two to three games a week and has strong views on discipline, referee assessment and hooliganism.

* DISCIPLINE: According to Taylor, it is not Liverpool, Manchester United or Arsenal, but fear which rules the British game.

"There's a lack of discipline everywhere. For years, referees and players have been getting further apart," says Taylor.

"In the last ten years, things have changed out of all proportion.

"Football seems riddled with fear. Directors are afraid their club's not going to be successful, managers are afraid of the sack, players are afraid of losing matches and losing the ball. All this adds up to a negative approach.

"Having said that, football in the last two years has improved a little.

"Gates are up and although people keeping talking about hooliganism, there's not much trouble inside football grounds.

Critical

"But we have a long way to go to reach what we had ten years ago."

* REFEREES: Taylor believes that the assessors who report on the referee's performance (there is one at every league game) are over-critical.

"I sometimes wonder who assesses the assessors. The most essential ingredient for any referee is confidence.

"That is what makes a positive referee. He is always going to offend.

"The assessing scheme can undermine confidence because it is over-critical. Some matches are always going to be difficult and you can act only according to the situation."

* HOOLIGANISM: The Government's identity card scheme gets the thumbs-down from Taylor.

"What the Government will not accept is that there's very little trouble inside grounds and if you have a card system, you're driving people outside, where they're a bigger nuisance.

"Another thing the Government will not accept is that grounds are antiquated places, people only go to the grounds just before kick-off and unless you have a lot of turnstiles, it's going to create a lot of trouble.

"Do they expect everyone to turn up at 2 pm? If people go once and can't get in, they won't go again.

"This is going to drive away the casual supporter. Anyway, the hooligan is not a football hooligan, he's a hooligan who goes to a football match."

Taylor actually took charge of one game during the Veterans World Cup and could not have chosen a more difficult one — Brazil versus Italy.

Tense

He said: "I realised the atmosphere was tense and after ten minutes, I said to the players 'just keep the game going'.

"But they didn't co-operate. There were people going down all the time pretending to be injured.

"In a lot of countries, that game would have been stopped."

He added: "The football here in Brazil is totally undisciplined.

"I didn't notice this last time I came. You have players going down all the time, pretending to be injured.

"It appears that anything other than victory is total disaster. I feel sorry for the referees here."

CLUB FOCUS ON COBRELOA . . . by ERIC WEIL

Chilean champions Cobreloa: (back row, left to right) Hector Puebla, Eduardo Gomez, Claudio Tello, Hugo Tabilo, Mario Osben. Kneeling: Armando Alarcon, Jorge Munoz, Jorge Garcia, Juan Gonzalez, Marcelo Trobbiani and Juan Covarrubios.

RAPID RISE FOR LITTLE COBRELOA

COBRELOA, who won the Chilean first division title for the fourth time last year, have made one of the most rapid rises to the top in their country's history, and perhaps anywhere in South America.

Founded in January, 1977, it took them only a year to gain promotion from the second division and in their first season in the top flight they took the vice-championship.

The following year they did the same before winning the title for the first time in 1980. This was followed by their second title in 1982, the vice-championship in 1983, their third title in 1985 and 1982.

Cobreloa — from the mining town of Calama in the north of Chile, a virtual desert close to the Andes mountains where copper is mined — are perhaps the best organised soccer club in Chile under the auspices of a mining company, most of whose employees are members whose club fees are discounted from their wage packets.

For many of the miners from this poor district, soccer and following their club is one of the major objects in life.

Its officials are hard working and strict and their finances are well run.

The last Chilean championship was not outstanding technically and Cobreloa also started the year rather poorly in the pre- season Degeder tournament.

But they improved slowly, outpacing more erratic teams with their steady performances.

Their team was a mixture of youth and experience of several veterans, under the capable guidance of Chilean coach Miguel Hermosilla who, if not outstanding, is a very hard worker, especially in the lower division teams of the club.

As the season progressed, Cobreloa again showed the disciplined team work and tactics to which they owe their previous titles.

And this was especially notable in their away games, which they always played to win, while they were virtually unbeatable in their high-lying desert stadium.

Their yellow-shirted team finally won the championship by six points over another provincial team, Iquique, while Universidad Catolica were the highest-placed Santiago team, a further point behind.

Cobreloa's outstanding players were goalkeeper Mario Osben, a former international of long standing and experience; Marcelo Trobbiani, a former veteran Argentine international who proved to be a great organiser; and centre-forward Juan Gonzalez.

But two foreign players finished as leading scorers in the championship — Peruvian Juan Jose Ore of Iquique and Argentine Nestor de Luca of La Serena — with 18 goals each.

Cobreloa will represent Chile — together with Colo Colo — in this year's Libertadores Cup for the fifth time.

THE PLAYERS

ARMANDO ALARCON, 35, with the club for 11 years. An experienced defensive midfielder who has been playing as central defender for most of the season.

JOSE CABRERA, 25, a defensive midfielder who came up through the club's junior divisions.

LUIS CEBALLOS, 24, left flank defender who came from second division team Lota Schwager.

JUAN COVARRUBIAS, 28, left winger who has been with the club for five years and in whom Spain's Zaragoza were interested.

JORGE GARCIA, 28, creative and defensive midfielder who has been with the club for four years.

EDUARDO GOMEZ, 30, central defender who has been with the team eight years.

JUAN GONZALEZ, 23, centre forward on loan from Magallances to whom he was due to return after giving outstanding performances.

MARCELO LEON, 26, reserve goalkeeper with few first team appearnces.

ORLANDO MONDACA, 27, creative midfielder.

JORGE MUNOZ, 27, right winger who came from Universidad Catolica (with whom he had won the championship the previous sesason) at the beginning of the season.

MARIO OSBEN, 37, experienced goalkeeper and former international who has been with the club for three seasons.

HECTOR PUEBLA, 31, experienced left flank defender who started as a winger and who has been with the club for seven years.

RODRIGO SANTANDER, 29, right winger in his first year with the club.

HUGO TABILO, 32, unmovable as right flank defender, has been nine years with the club and the player who has played most games this season and also in total for the club.

CLAUDIO TELLO, 26, central defender from the club's lower divisions.

MARCELO TROBBIANI, 34, veteran Argentine international who joined the club last season from Estudiantes de La Plata (Argentina) on a one-year contract. A great midfield general, but now free of contract with several other Chilean clubs interested in his services.

MIGUEL ANGEL VILLAMONTE, 23, came from Velez Sarsfield (Argentina) on a one-year contract.

LUIS ALEGRIA, 23, from the club's junior divisions.

JUAN CARLOS ARAYA, 20, third choice goalkeeper from the Enrique Barrios club's lower divisions.

OMAR GOMEZ, 22, defensive midfielder from the club's junior divisions.

JOSE ORTEGA, 19, centre forward from the club's junior divisions.

CAMILO PINO, 19, creative midfielder from the club's junior divisions.

COACHES

MIGUEL HERMOSILLA, 42, coach, has been with the club for eight years, starting with the junior divisions.

WASHINGTON REYES, 41, physical training coach for the last four years.

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BLACK STARS IN BRITAIN

by BRIAN GLANVILLE

STRANGE when you hear our managers, scouts and coaches lamenting, "There just aren't the players." Rather like Othello's base Indian who threw away a pearl, richer than all his tribe.

For the truth is that English football has been presented with an astonishing cornucopia of new talent which is now enriching and replenishing the game, a seemingly endless new supply of players whose name is legion.

Black players. Look almost where you will, and you will find them. The success of Arsenal this season would be inconceivable without the contribution of their three black South Londoners, Davis, Rocastle and Thomas.

Liverpool have John Barnes. West Ham's run in the two Cups has been inspired by young Paul Ince. West Bromwich Albion, who suddenly took wing under Brian Talbot's player-managership, inspired in midfield by the lanky Palmer (now Sheffield Wednesday) up front by the electric pace of Goodman.

Nottingham Forest have the mobility of Walker in central defence, the wiles of Carr at outside-right. Charlton's revival has much to do with their young black forwards, Williams and Mortimer.

Gift horses, to vay the metaphor, are not exactly being looked in the mouth, but they are perhaps being taken for granted. Fewer playing fields, less school football, too many distractions from street and waste lot football, all these have dammed the flow, but they haven't dammed the reactionaries of our Football League clubs, the coaches, scouts and managers who peddle racial stereo types, think a little of Brazil; and of the United States.

It's taken players of West Indian origin no time at all to break into professional football. In America, the almost incredible bigotry of baseball meant that Jackie Robinson, an army lieutenant, became the first ever major League player as late as 1946.

As for Brazil, where black players have shone in the World Cup, from Leonidas the Black Pearl, in 1938, to Pele, it was only in the mid 1920s, less than 40 years after slavery had been abolished, that leading clubs grudgingly accepted the black.

When, over a decade ago, a very young black player of African origin trained with a London club, fell on a hard surface, and cried for his mummy, the coach told him, " eff off home to your mummy!" and that was the end of it; though he succeeded with another club.

Arsenal, who have done so well in finding and developing black players, once seemed strangely reluctant to sign them, Cyrille Regis, still a star, was one they might have had, when he was playing for Hayes working on a building site as an electrician; it was West Bromwich, not any London club, which eventually took him.

Black players, ran the conventional wisdom, were cowards. Black players were unreliable. Black players, one heard, would "do it for you at home, but they'd never do it on a wet night in Middlesbrough."

The very club, by the way, which 40 years ago successfully launched the first West Indian in the Jamaican right winger, Lindy Delapenha.

Even the seemingly enlightened managers came out with some strange remarks. Lamenting his failure to play one of them in the centre of his midfield, a manager complained: "They've just got no responsibility. They haven't got it in their whole body." Another, always ready to use black talent, said: "I need two wingers. White wingers."

Sometimes the boot is on the other foot. Recently on the "ethnic" radio programme, Charlton's Garth Crooks, new Chairman of the players' union, surprisingly agreed with a thin skinned presenter that great harm was done by a reporter who wrote in exalted terms of Leroy Rosenior's recent Cup winning goal against Arsenal: the Black Rose casting its shadow, and all that, with a reference to pins being stuck into an image.

If you're looking for prejudice, you'll find it. Black players are philosophically resigned by now to the mindless monkey chants which go up when they get the ball and Glasgow is as bad as London.

Paul Ince, 21 years old, a dynamic goal scorer for West Ham, finds the club itself ideal, but observes wryly that if weren't playing for it, no doubt he'd be getting the same the treatment as visiting black players.

"These are the people you don't like, but you have to get used to them."

Barnes, scorer of that marvellous goal against Brazil in Rio five years ago, simply shrugged off the vicious abuse of a group of alleged fans in Montevideo and Santiago airports.

Moving from Watford to Liverpool, a city where black players had scarcely seemed welcome, similarly left him unworried. "If I played well enough, I'd be received well enough."

Stereotyping of black players, he believes, was initially thanks to the fact that most of them were forwards, "the glory boys, like the quarter back in American football; he doesn't get hurt."

Now, there are midfield players who get stuck in and defend, like Thomas and Lloyd McGrath.

Barnes, from a middle class Jamaican family and Elliott, poised and fluent, could act as role models to black players, whose problems should not be under estimated. Nor exaggerated: how many brilliant English talents have foundered in recent years, victims of dubious social backgrounds?

Ince, forthright and honest, describes the dangers, the peer group pressures. Many young blacks, he feels, are lost to the game.

"They tend to mix with their black mates. We're going out to nick things or beat someone, like, up. I suppose I was like that when I was young. I'd go with my mates, whatever they were doing. I'd say, I'm not going to train, because my mates are going to a disco."

But Ince has emphatically come through.

ASIAN NOTEBOOK . . . from EVE TO T IN J

ASIA looks likely to see a string of top sides visiting this summer with Everton, Milan and Napoli being the top names involved.

With the economy of several Asian nations booming, there is more hard currency available to attract the best European and South American sides.

And Korea, Thailand, Singapore and Hong Kong look like becoming favourite summer venues for European teams.

Everton, having refused an earlier date because of the World Cup commitments of many of their players, look certain to make a tour in July.

They will go to Japan, Thailand and mainland China. There are hopes that other teams — and PSV Eindhoven, Wimbledon, Milan and Napoli have all been mentioned — will come out to Beijing to make a three or four team tournament.

Hong Kong are also hoping to attract Milan and Napoli for a June exhibition game.

NEW ZEALAND: A 4-0 World Cup victory over Taiwan was enough to get New Zealand's stand-in coach John Adshead talking about soccer rivalling rugby in this remote corner of the world.

There was certainly more atmosphere than for the average New Zealand soccer game with the kick-off delayed to allow long queues of fans to fit into the ground.

They were rewarded with a good win, although it was not the prettiest of matches as the coach admitted.

"It was not fluid or attractive football but I admired the commitment and positive way that the lads went about the task," said Adshead after the game.

He brought in three new caps for this tie, with Michael Ridenton, Martin Jennison and Tony Levy all making their first appearances for the All Whites.

The real tests, however — against Israel and Australia — lie ahead.

For those matches, Adshead will be hoping for the return of European-based professionals Wynton and Shane Rufer, and the recovery of injured full-back Malcolm Dunford.

Another overseas player included in the squad is Tommy Mason, who is turning out for English non-league side Farnborough.

The 21-man squad includes just one player from the 1982 World Cup team, captain Ricki Herbert.

There is talk of turning the Australian tie on April 2 into a sporting spectacular.

The Mount Smart Stadium is already booked for a New Zealand versus Australia rugby match, leaving the soccer men to look elsewhere for a venue until it was suggested that the two events be combined.

The plan now is for the football to kick-off late in the morning and the rugby in the afternoon.

In between, there will be visits from various Olympic and Commonwealth sports stars.

The FA will keep their share of the gate money but the rugby officials — in a far better financial position — will donate theirs to the cost of the next Commonwealth Games team.

CHINA: Nian Weisi, chairman of the China FA, has announced that more Chinese players will be allowed to go abroad professionally.

However, as the offer is open only to non-internationals over the age of 28, there is hardly likely to be any great rush on behalf of the European clubs.

What looks more likely are additional 'sport exchanges', such as the deal that took Jia Xiuquan and Liu Haiquang to Partisan Belgrade.

Such contracts allow the CFA to keep control of the players and both stars were recalled for the Hong Kong New Year tournament.

There are now two professional clubs operating in China — Foshan and Liaoning.

HONG KONG: Brewers Carlsberg were the sponsors of the recent Chinese New Year Cup and pumped a lot of cash into the tournament.

The Hong Kong players alone took home $10,000 despite finishing third and disappointing their fans.

Neither was the tournament a great success as the two European clubs involved — Malmo and Odense — were hardly likely to pull in the crowds.

To make it worse, the four sides produced little in the way of exciting play, with the six games played producing just five goals and four matches ending in goalless draws.

It was a dismal show in a tournament that was really not of vital importance — and one which could have been a showpiece for sides to try something adventurous.

Things started well enough with Hong Kong beating Odense 2-0 but after that, there was little to cheer.

China were dreadful, playing three scoreless draws, and Hong Kong coach Kwok Ka Ming had the fans screaming for blood when he

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left out several stars for the second game with Malmo.

The home side were beaten 2-0, ending their hopes of the title and reducing spectator interest still further.

The stadium was half-empty for the clash with China, a remarkable situation considering the cultural links and rivalry between Hong Kong and the mainland.

On the last day, Odense, trying out many young players, showed no intention of taking any risks against Malmo and seemed happy with yet another scoreless 90 minutes.

The other major event scheduled for Hong Kong, the Dynasty Cup, was cancelled when one of the four sides, North Korea, were unable to secure entry permits.

The Asian Football Confederation were reported to be extremely angry at this embarrassing situation, although the Hong Kong FA are claiming it was a matter they had no control over.

PIYAPONG PUE-ON of Thailand (centre) on the attack in the King's Cup match against the Soviet Union in Bangkok in February. Pue-On scored twice as Thailand won 3-1. Team-mate Vitoon Kijmongkolsak (left) and Russian Alekzander Nikitin look on.

INDIA: India's poor performance in the Olympics has had an unexpected feedback with commercial companies being encouraged to put money into sport to help reverse this trend.

Although it is the more popular sports of cricket, bridge and hockey that have benefitted the most, soccer has also had cash poured into it.

For example, the Tata football academy is entering its second year and some of the best young players are being brought here to train together.

Commercial sponsorship was also responsible for bringing out Sao Paulo for the Super Soccer Series, the most prestigious event to take place in Indian football for many years.

HONG KONG coach Kwok Ka Ming was left clinging desperately to his job despite the 0-0 draw with China in the Chinese New Year Cup.

It was hardly a case of David taming Goliath as Goliath, in this case the Chinese, were pretty tame to begin with.

They came to Hong Kong tired from a run of too many fixtures and, with little hope of winning the competition, were more concerned about avoiding the embarrassment of defeat against opponents who are, geographically, just a fraction of their size.

China knew exactly how to do that, leaving Jia Xiuquan to keep a tight, even rough, grip on Hong Kong dangerman Tim Tedbury.

With few chances to run at the defence, the Hong Kong star had a frustrating afternoon, attempting to build up moves with team-mates who didn't seem to appreciate or understand his first-time touches.

By the time Tedbury finally got a scoring chance, the fans were already drifting out of the stadium.

Hong Kong could point to Leslie Santos' first-half effort that went marginally over the bar and Chan Fathi breaking free in the 80th minute to create a golden chance that he then headed wide.

They could also be pleased with the way the central defence soaked up pressure and brought the ball back into attack.

To be truthful, however, it was China, tired and disinterested as they were, who looked the more likely to snatch the game.

The reason for this was simply that they had men who could attack on the wings.

Once in each half, this produced clear openings, the best perhaps going to substitute Wang Baoshan, who headed a cross from Sun Xianlu narrowly wide.

This was the third goalless draw between the two sides on Hong Kong soil, previous meetings having come in the 1985 World Cup and the 1987 Olympics.

Hong Kong coach Kwok has expressed his desire to stay in the post until after the qualifying rounds of the forthcoming World Cup and Asian Games.

He claimed it was necessary to rest his best players for the earlier Malmo game as Hong Kong players do not have the stamina to play three matches in such a short space of time.

Kwok also blamed the clubs for not training players hard enough.

NORTH KOREA: It is now 23 years since North Korea came to the World Cup in England and delighted the north eastern fans with their defeat of Italy and their heroic display against Portugal.

This, we presumed, would be the start of a great Asian attack on world football honours.

Of course, this wasn't to be and two decades later, the country that promised to lead the attack is no closer to reaching international standards.

Indeed, the gap between North Korea and the rest of the world has, if anything, widened.

It is not so much that the country has slipped backwards, more that it has remained stationary while the rest of the world has been progressing. This is true not only in a football sense but in all areas of life.

Politics dominate events in Korea and football is not immune. Korean teams have continually found themselves withdrawn from competitions and they avoid the more important and prestigious events in countries where the idealogy is not acceptable.

As a result, although Korean teams are fit and well organised, they badly lack experience.

Korean teams have often been volatile, walking off the pitch or being involved in fights. There have been few internal attempts to discipline such behaviour, as a Korean being sent off is often portrayed as a biased imperial act against the country.

Domestically, there are some 100 organised clubs and perhaps 3,500 registered players.

The Korean season runs from March to November to avoid the fierce winters and the top teams have been army or industrial sides.

The single most successful club are, perhaps, April 25th of Pyongyang, who have made several appearances in the Asian Club Championship.

On the bright side are the excellent stadiums available, including three grounds that can hold more than 70,000 fans.

The Koreans have also recorded one notable result since the World Cup, winning the 1985 World University Games.

That year, the competition was staged in Japan and Asia took four of the top five places with the Korean side beating Great Britain and Japan to reach the final, where they overcame Uruguay by the only goal.

OCEANIA: The various youth and under-16 competitions have been getting underway and with World Cup places at stake, there has been considerable interest despite the long distances and heavy costs involved.

In the under-16 group, Australia beat Taiwan 2-0 and New Zealand hit nine past Fiji, five players sharing the goals including a hat-trick from Candy.

In the final play-off match, Australia beat New Zealand 5-1, Lacopetta (2), Zec (2) and Hastie being the scorers.

In the youth section, Australia drew with Qatar and Syria defeated the Kiwis by 2-0.

Australia's Greek-based defender Charlie Yankos has confirmed that he will be returning home for the World Cup qualifying matches.

Yankos, who plays for PAOK Salonika, has 39 full caps for his country.

PALESTINE: A Palestine soccer team has been playing in Italy and France in the hope of helping to win recognition for an independent Palestine state.

A youth team previously played in a tournament in Algeria and there is even talk of seeking recognition for the Olympics.

Such a move is nothing new. An Algerian side were playing matches on friendly soil while the country was still fighting for independence from France.

WORLD CUP-IS THAT ON THE AGENDA?

from PAUL GARDNER in New York

WHEN you've been awarded the rights to stage a World Cup, and you have a meeting of your national Federation's council, then the major topic of discussion is the World Cup, right?

Not here, not by a long way. The United States Soccer Federation held such a meeting at the end of February, in Seattle — and managed to show that it is indeed a grass roots organisation, but that those roots have a habit of tying themselves into ugly knots.

The meeting itself did turn ugly. There was considerable dissatisfaction with president Werner Fricker — to the point where a motion to unseat him was being seriously considered.

Activities

The issues had little to do with the World Cup. First and foremost came the problem caused by sturdy American free enterprise.

To wit: the idea that some central body in a far-away city controls your activities does not sit well with Americans.

Be it the Federal government or the state government — or the USSF. Americans much prefer to have a tighter, closer grip on their affairs.

If the central body won't respond to their needs, then they'll just start their own organisation.

This very thing has happened in soccer on a number of occasions, particularly in youth soccer.

There are a number of youth soccer groups, some of them exceedingly well organised, that have grown up in various parts of the USA — and that are not affiliated to the USSF. One of them, the American Youth Soccer Organisation (AYSO) has grown to the point where it is now a national body.

Unaffiliated soccer brings all sorts of messy problems with it — particularly in the youth area.

Affiliated teams have to be told they can't play games against unaffiliated teams, and the USSF comes off looking like an insensitive bully.

The AYSO problem has been around for years, and neither side has shown much willingness to compromise.

Revolt

The problem was solved, at last, in Seattle — but only because of pressure brought by the US Olympic Committee, on which the USSF relies heavily for support.

And not before the officers of the United States Youth Soccer Association (the branch of the USSF most concerned) had threatened a revolt over what they saw as high-handed treatment from Fricker.Â The votes to move a recall of Fricker were, it seems, lined up. But no-one seemed certain what would happen after that.

To get the motion passed needed more votes — were they there? And who would take over if Fricker were ousted? At the last minute, it was Fricker himself, talking to the interested parties, who smoothed things over.

But for how long? Fricker is notoriously bad at communicating with people.

As one delegate put it: "If Fricker had arrived two days earlier, there would have been no uproar. With him absent, fantasy ran wild."

But that is not the Fricker style.

"Werner doesn't share his thoughts with you, you don't know what he's thinking," remarked a USSF officer. "It leads to suspicion."

Certainly, Fricker needs to find an advisor or two to tell him that he is heading for big trouble next year if he doesn't make an attempt to be more open.

Because next year is election year. Last year, Fricker was re-elected unopposed.

He had brought the World Cup to the USA, and he had brought Joao Havelange to the AGM to do some flagrant politicking for him.

But next year it could be different. The USSF is once again building up a debt (something that Fricker's early years as president had rescued it from) and money matters are always sensitive issues.

But it is Fricker's style as much as anything that is antagonising people. That may seem a flimsy reason for turfing him out as president, but voting at USSF AGMs has never been distinguished for its attention to the major issues (always excepting finance).

Could Fricker, the man who brought the World Cup to the USA, the man who has FIFA's confidence and backing — could he be voted out of office next year?

The answer is yes, he very definitely could.

And it is highly questionable whether support, or pressure, from FIFA would help his position.

Memory

More than likely they would hurt it — we're back to that sturdy American independence that doesn't like being told what's good for it.

One cannot doubt that Fricker is well aware of all this. If he is not, he has a dangerously short memory.

It is only a few years ago that Fricker himself, running for USSF vice-president, came within a few votes of being defeated by a charmingly ignorant lady who was running for office for the first time and blithely admitted that she did not know what FIFA was.

WHAT perhaps ought to have been the major topic at the Seattle meeting was the first appearance of Scott LeTellier as the man who is going to run World Cup '94.

He presented his business plan — a well thought-out 22-page document that makes it clear that World Cup '94 will be run along very similar lines to the successful 1984 Olympics.

In other words, as a commercial enterprise. Which raises the spectre of a brash marketing bonanza of (a favourite anti-US slur in the British press) the dreaded razzmatazz.

LeTellier is aware of the danger: "The World Cup will be a private enterprise undertaking.

"There will be no government guarantees or money, we won't have the luxury of an unlimited budget such as the South Koreans just had in Seoul.

"There the bottom line was the country's prestige, the need to show off the emergence of an industrial country.

"The World Cup has to be self-supporting, no public money will be diverted from more important things.

"I suppose you can fault the US for introducing the element of commercialism into sports. But I don't think there's anything especially American about that any more.

Games

"It's fair to say that the commercial aspects of 1994 will be no greater than those of 1990 Italy.

"A game played at Joe Robbie stadium in Florida will look no different from a game played in Europe."

And when you come to think of it, it is the Europeans who sport advertising on their shirts — something no American pro-sport allows.

"That's true," says LeTellier. "When I started going to games in West Germany in the early 70s, I saw these names on the shirts — I was always trying to figure out what they meant.

"I thought they must be cities that I hadn't heard of!"

LeTellier sees three main challenges in the organisation of World Cup '94.

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THE Western Soccer League, one of the organisations expected to play a major role in any eventual national soccer league for the United States, will begin its fifth season at the end of April.

Formerly known as the Western Soccer Alliance, this year's WSL boasts a record nine teams and will play an all-time high of 75 matches.

Operating in 1988 with six teams, the WSL will break new ground with teams in Phoenix, Arizona and Sacramento and Santa Barbara, California.

"The Western Soccer League's growth from six clubs to nine in the past nine months allows us both to play more matches and expand our play-off format," noted WSL chairman Bill Sage.

"The fight for that third and final play-off berth was extremely close the last two seasons and we expect the play-off races for the four spots this year to be just as tight."

With the expansion, the WSL will feature two divisions with four clubs in the northern division and five in the south.

Making up the WSL North will be the Seattle Storm, Portland Timbers, Sacramento Jazz and San Francisco Blackhawks, while the WSL South will consist of Real Santa Barbara,

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Heat, San Diego Nomads and the Arizona Condors.

The San Francisco Blackhawks, in effect, replace the famous old San Jose Earthquakes as the WSL team in the San Franciso Bay area and are likely to play out of Spartan Stadium in San Jose, long time home of the Earthquakes.

The league's fifth season kicks off on April 22 when defending champions Seattle Storm visit the Arizona Condors, who will be coached by Adrian Webster.

At its annual meeting last September, the WSL approved a three-year development plan in anticipation of the United States Soccer Federation's new professional division, stating that "under the new three-year development plan, the WSL fully intends to meet the standards required of member clubs of the USSF Professional Division".

Meanwhile, the Canadian Soccer League will operate with ten teams in 1989, up one from 1988.

The new team is the Victoria Vistas, who will play in the Western Division along with last year's champions Vancouver 86ers, the Edmonton Brickmen, Winnipeg Fury and the newly-named Calgary Strikers.

The Eastern Division remains the same and includes the Hamilton Steelers, beaten finalists in the last two years, Toronto Blizzard, North York Rockets, Ottawa Intrepid and the Montreal Supra.

Victoria will be coached by Brian Hughes, whose playing career included 220 games for Swansea Town between 1958 and 1966 and later for the Atlanta Chiefs of the North American Soccer League.

Hughes coached Canada's under-16 team in the second FIFA under-16 World Cup in 1987.

Hughes will welcome Canadian international defender Ian Bridge back to his home town after a spell with La Chaux de Fonds in Switzerland.

Throughout the rest of the league, numerous player reshuffles are taking place and the rosters of the clubs are not expected to be finalised until closer to the kick-off date in May.

One club making a switch are the Toronto Blizzard, who will move from Varsity Stadium in downtown Toronto to Etobicoke Stadium on the western outskirts of the city.

With the North York Rockets playing out of Ester Shiner Stadium on the northern edge of the city, it will leave downtown Toronto without a team.

SCOTT LETELLIER . . . front man for the United States' World Cup operation in 1994.

"First: working out how we handle the host broadcaster in a much more complex television environment than the World Cup has ever had to face before.

"Second: dealing with all the different jurisdictions within the USA — we shall be operating in 8 or 9 States, and in different counties within those states.

Tickets

"In a Federalist system like ours, that means a lot of different sets of laws and bye-laws. It's much more complex than it was for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

"Third: ticket sales. There is not, at the present moment, the latent demand for soccer in general that existed for the Olympics.

"But we've proved we're a big-event nation, and we must convince the US that the World Cup is an event of that magnitude. Even in ardent soccer countries, first round games rarely sell out the stadiums — we have to at least equal their performance."

Tickets, of course, will have to be sold long before it is apparent whether the US team is going to have a successful run in the tournament.

"We'll need more media interest," admits LeTellier. "We face an uphill struggle.

"It's odd that right now there's more interest in the '94 World Cup outside the USA than there is here. But, too often groups in soccer blame the media.

"I don't see it that way, they cover what's newsworthy and we're going to have to show them that the World Cup is tremendously newsworthy.

"We don't want them walking up too late, saying 'that was a hell of an event that just went on here'. We'll try to give the media exposure to the World Cup in Italy in 1990."

In his report, LeTellier touched on some topics that might not seem of direct importance in the running of a World Cup.

In particular, he faced up to the awkward fact that soccer is hardly played at all by American blacks, and pointed out the opportunity the arrival of the World Cup would give to promote the spread of soccer into the inner cities.

Commenting on that, LeTellier says: "You have to have a belief that what you're doing has some important consequences.

"I feel strongly about that. There is the sport itself, which creates nothing but good things the more widely it's played in our society.

"And our ability to field a competitive team increases if we add the quality of the black athletes."

ONE US team which has recently surprised everyone with its quality is the national under-20 side under coach Bob Gansler.

In the recent World Cup in Saudi Arabia, they finished fourth — the highest place for any US national team, at any level, since the USA made the semi-finals back in the dim and distant past of the very first World Cup in 1930.

Victory

The success included a solid win over East Germany, and then a major upset with a 2-1 victory over Iraq in the quarter-final, a win that was doubly sweet as the Iraqis were widely suspected of fielding over-age players.

The Argentine coach Carlos Pachame was diplomatic in his assessment of the Iraqis: "All I can say is that when I saw them, I thought they must have brought six or seven goalkeepers and few field players."

There were those who were going to be different for Americans to convince soccer diehards that they can really play the sport.

Tackle

The Argentine magazine El Grafico pondered that "the Americans must be asking themselves how they reached the semi-final with such a poor team", while Ramon Martinez, technical secretary of FC Barcelona, said: "The United States didn't please me.

"Their players are very strong, they tackle well, but nothing more, their football is very average."

But he did, grudgingly, thank the USA for eliminating Iraq, the suspected cheaters.

But there was another Spaniard in Saudi Arabia who was very impressed with some of the US players. None other than former Real Madrid star Paco Gento, now scouting for the club.

He ended up with an American player — striker Steve Snow — on his list.

As for the Iraqis, it seems that FIFA are after them.

"My investigations revealed that there were three Iraqi players named in the under-20 squad in Saudi Arabia who had also been nominated for last year's Olympic competition in Seoul," said FIFA secretary Sepp Blatter.

"But the information on their respective ages was different from that given in Seoul. We have asked Iraq to explain the disparities."

ONE country that spectacularly failed to "explain the disparities" last year was Mexico, caught cheating in the same age group, and banned from international soccer for two years.

As a footnote to that episode, consider the following: at last year's Dallas Cup tournament, a team from CECAP (the Mexican Federation's own training centre) won the under-12 title against a background of widespread complaints that they were using over- age players.

Suspicion was further aroused by the fact that the team had originally been supposed to stay with families in the Dallas area.

But on arrival they went to a remote hotel, and took no part at all in the Cup's social activities.

So persistent were the complaints that the Dallas Cup authorities called the whole team in, and had their passports checked by a Spanish-speaking Federal judge. Everything was found to be in order.

End of the affair? Maybe. As it happens, last month the Mexican national under-16 team turned up in Dallas on its way to a tournament in France. On its roster was one player from CECAP: Luis Arturo Olvera, birthdate August 13, 1973.

Now, could that possibly be the same player as Luis Olvera who played on CECAP's winning under-12 team in last year's Dallas Cup with a passport (inspected by a Federal judge) that said he was born on August 13, 1976?

AFRICAN NOTEBOOK . . . from MARK GLEESON

AFRICA TAKE A BREAK

AFRICA'S national teams make use of the five month break in the preliminaries for next year's World Cup finals in Italy to pursue the qualifying trail for the African Nations Cup finals, also scheduled for 1990.

This month, 24 African nations compete in the first round of the qualifiers for Algeria next March.

The winners will proceed to the second round in July, from which six finalists will emerge to join hosts Algeria and holders Cameroon in the final tournament.

Last year's beaten finalists Nigeria have a seemingly easy path to the final, facing Guinea — whose position of power in African football in the 70s has all but faded away — in the first round.

A win for Nigeria will secure them a second round tie against the winners of the Mauritius/ Zimbabwe clash, also a potentially easy tie.

Morocco, who hosted the 1988 finals but finished a disappointed fourth, meet minnows Mali in the first round, before a tough second round match against either Angola or the Ivory Coast, both of whom are undefeated in their World Cup campaign.

Tiny Swaziland, who won their first tie at international level when they beat Tanzania in the preliminary round in October, have an uphill struggle against Malawi, who won the East and Central African Challenge Cup last year.

If there is any potential for shock, it could come from Togo who play the talent-laden Senegal.

The 1986 champions Egypt prepared for their tie against Ethiopia with two friendlies against East Germany, losing both of the matches at home, albeit with an experimental side.

They went down 4-0 in the first match in Cairo and then lost to a lone goal by Mathias Sammer in the second game.

KENYA BREWERIES have retained their East and Central African Club Championship title with an easy 3-0 victory over surprise Tanzanian finalists Coastal Union in the two-week tournament hosted in Mombasa and Nairobi.

Three goals in the second-half swept Breweries to victory, with Paul Onyiers putting the home side ahead in the 52nd minute and Breweries' new signing, striker Henry Motego, being rewarded for a tireless afternoon's work in the 83rd minute when he scored from a solo run.

Onyiers wrapped up a memorable championship by scoring again a minute from time, making him top scorer in the tournament with five goals.

In the third place play-off, AFC Leopards of Kenya best Sports Villa of Uganda 1-0.

The tournament was marred, though, by the controversy surrounding the attempted defection to Kenya of seven players from Somalia's MDC.

The seven players — Shafiq Ahmed Yaqub, Ali Yusuf, Noor Mohammed Amin, Abdirahim Ahmed Farrah, Hassan Abdi, Shafiq Ahmed and Ismail Aidith Aden — applied for asylum at the United Nations' High Commission for Refugees in Nairobi.

But after an administrative mix-up within the Kenyan government, five of the players eventually returned to Somalia, while the other two went into hiding in Nairobi.

They all said they were afraid to return home because they would be conscripted into the military to fight the country's war against Ethiopian-backed guerrillas, but Somalia's government promised no action would be taken against them on their return.

NATIONS CUP

(Finals in Algeria in 1990)

QUALIFYING
Preliminary Round
Liberia 0 Mali 1; Mali 3 Liberia 1
(Mali win 4-1 on aggregate)

Gabon 3 Burkina Faso 0; Burkina Faso 1 Gabon 0
(Gabon win 3-1 on aggregate)

Angola 4 Equatorial Guinea 1; Equatorial Guinea 0 Angola 0
(Angola win 4-1 on aggregate)

Mauritius 3 Seychelles 0; Seychelles 1 Mauritius 1
(Mauritius win 3-1 on aggregate)

Tanzania 1 Swaziland 1; Swaziland 1 Tanzania 1
(Aggregate: 2-2. Swaziland win 3-1 on penalties)

Libya walkover v Mauritania (withdrew)
Guinea walkover v Gambia (withdrew)
Ethiopia walkover v Uganda (withdrew)
Mozambique walkover v Madagascar (disqualified)

FIRST ROUND
Libya v Tunisia
Mali v Morocco
Gabon v Ghana
Guinea v Nigeria
Angola v Ivory Coast
Mauritius v Zimbabwe
Ethiopia v Egypt
Swaziland v Malawi
Mozambique v Zambia
Sudan v Kenya
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Mali/Morocco v Angola/Ivory Coast
Senegal/Togo v Tunisia/Libya
Mozambique/Zambia v Ghana/Gabon
Swaziland/Malawi v Sudan/Kenya
Ethiopia/Egypt v Zaire/Sierra Leone
Guinea/Nigeria v Mauritius/Zimbabwe

ALGERIA: Mouloudia Algiers are top of the First Division after defeating their nearest rivals Bel Abbes at the halfway stage of the championship.

CAMEROON: The African champions have appointed former African Footballer of the Year, Jean Manga Onquene, as national team coach alongside Soviet appointee Valeri Nepomniacoi.

Cameroon clubs distinguished themselves against European opposition in the Antipolis tournament ahead of French professionals Toulon and Brest and German Bundesliga sides FC Homburg and Fortuna Koln.

IVORY COAST: Abdijan club ASEC-Mimosas are back in the First Division after a dispute with the Ivorian federation over transfer contracts.

Their refusal to play a match against arch-rivals Africa Sports during the dispute sparked a riot at the national stadium when ASEC failed to pitch.

The future of four top players was at the centre of the dispute, but now Amani Yao moves from Africa Sport to ASEC, Sekou Bamba and Rachidi Yekini remain at Africa Sport and Niawa Piantoni moves from ASEC to ASI of Abensourou.

EGYPT: Al Ahly have a two point lead over champions Zamalek on the log table after 14 rounds of the championship.

LIBYA: FIFA have awarded Algeria a 2-0 win over Libya in a World Cup qualifier called off by the hosts shortly before the kick-off in Tripoli last January.

The Libyans have now pulled out of the competition.

MOROCCO: Khouribga are surprise leaders after 13 rounds of the Moroccan championships, one point ahead of Fez Mashreb.

SOUTH AFRICA: Kaizer Chiefs and Wits University have qualified for the final of the pre-season top eight tournament, Chiefs beating Witbank Aces 5-0 in the semi-finals and the students overcoming fancied Orlando Pirates 2-0 after a replay.

TUNISIA: Holders CO Transports have been knocked out of the cup by amateur club JS Kairouan on penalties after a 1-1 draw. But African Cup Winners' Cup holders CA Bizerte are through to the last 16.

ZIMBABWE: A penalty by Brent Christensen in the 83rd minute gave Danish tourists Brondby a 2-1 win over the Zimbabwe national team in a rain-soaked benefit match in Harare to raise money for Mozambican refugees.

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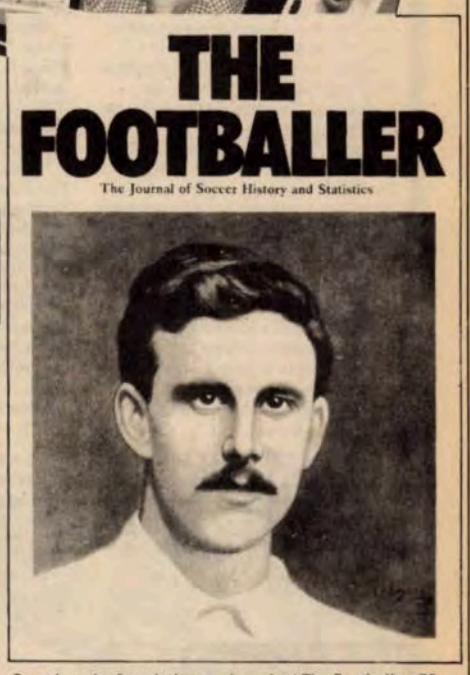

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MISTAKEN IDENTITY

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

ID Cards. The battle continues. All praise to the Lords, who threw the wretched, shoddy, ill-conceived Bill out; even if it be only a holding action.

Certainly, their laudable action has thrown the egregious Colin Moynihan — Colin "Hopefully" Moynihan, as Martin Cropper disparagingly called him in *The Times*, for his mis-use of that word — into greater confusion than ever.

Wholly predictable were the renewed threats that the Government would not support the English clubs' bid to return to European competition.

In the debate which followed the Lords' amendment, demanding a gradual introduction of the ID cards, Moynihan first "rubbished" the Lords' amendment, only in the next breath to insist that he would give careful consideration to their demands.

He then went on to dismiss the barbed allegation from Tom Pendry, the resilient chairman of the Commons Football Committee, that where Irish fans going to Glasgow would not have to produce their passports, those going to matches in England under the new legislation would.

But as Pendry has subsequently pointed out, the working party on the Bill has indeed suggested Irish show passports, rather than cards, at English games. In Scotland, they would not be obliged to do so.

Ducking and diving, leaping and posturing, Moynihan seems more likely than ever to disappear down George Orwell's Memory Hole, with the likes of Tracey and Macfarlane — whose names, the ultimate insult, were being invoked from the back bench during the debate.

Moynihan's spiteful threat not to support the attempt of the English clubs to get back into Europe in Madeira was no more than par for the course.

I shall yield to the temptation to reproduce Martin Cropper's properly contemptuous remarks in *The Times*. Mr Cropper has a good, incisive mind. Mr Moynihan, though he attended Oxford University, merely makes a lot of noise.

This is what Martin Cropper wrote: "Watching Colin ("hopefully") Moynihan advertising football ID cards on *Going Live!* (BBC1) was akin to hearing a nutty professor claim that gravity makes objects rise.

"With suspiciously cute timing, *The Firm* (BBC2) blew a deafening raspberry to the minister's optimism by demonstrating that gang warfare is an ideally opportunistic virus which does not discriminate between hosts."

That very day, on the sports pages of the same esteemed paper, Colin Moynihan was reported, in his pique, to be shaking a stick at football again, telling it he wouldn't support its appeal to UEFA to get back into European football, so there!

From the man who tried to make capital out of a poor boy who died at Shrewsbury from an asthma attack before the post mortem had as much as shown whether the death had any connection with football violence, it wasn't surprising to see further, rash references to what went on in Germany last June.

Small but imperfectly informed as ever, Moynihan was shamelessly bleating again about those incidents he castigated before there had been the remotest chance to consider the evidence and well before the West German report largely, if surprisingly, absolved the English fans from creating the chaos.

"The final decision is with UEFA," said Moynihan, who knows very well that UEFA have been having kittens about bearing legal responsibility if they let our clubs back and people get hurt as a result; hence the need for a Government endorsement.

"But I cannot believe," Moynihan went on, "that it would be wise to admit English clubs at this stage.

"No new measures have been

England's PAUL INCE races through the Albanian defence during the under-21 international in Shkodra last month.

ARE THESE GAMES WASTE OF TIME?

WHAT price under-21 games? Having made the long trip from Athens to Patras to watch England under-21's wretched performance against Greece, and before a similar trip in Albania, the question seemed more relevant than ever, and the games more irrelevant.

Fresh-faced lads thrown in at the deep end to sink or swim and all too often, away from home at least, sinking like stones.

It was bad enough when we had an under-23 team, and I speak as one who saw the first-ever under-23 game in Bologna in early 1954. England lost 3-0 to Italy, though the mighty, then 17-year-old Duncan Edwards was at left-half.

How well I still recall the young English players sitting about, singing popular songs in the foyer of their hotel, some in their Army or RAF uniforms — there was conscription then.

The Italian under-23s, who looked so much more mature, looked it on the pitch as well.

But a year later, down in the deep south in Lecce (where Causio would eventually and surprisingly come from), I waited until noon to get a paper and to read that England under-23s had had their revenge: 5-1.

***Oggi a me, domani a te*, wrote Rizieri Grande in *Il Messaggero*. Today to me, tomorrow to thee. Good, philosophical stuff. Then, as now, home advantage was paramount.**

Over and above the lack of experienced heads to give the under-21s confidence, I was appalled by their lack of technique.

They fell far behind a Greek team which, had it only known how to finish — the old continental failing which lets our teams off the hook so many times — would have scored four or five, rather than just one penalty.

The horrifying prevalance of long ball, biff and bang football, coupled with our exclusion from Europe, could erode the skills of our game and cancel out the great pioneering work of Shankly and Paisley's Liverpool.

Kindly Dave Sexton praised his wretched team after their dismal Patras performance, yet here was a former champion of elegant, scientific football.

A propos of the football school at Lilleshall with which Dave has been closely connected, I note wryly that Paul Kelly of West Ham, who was expected to get eight or nine O levels when he left his Kent school, got . . . none. The defence rests.

England fan Ken Bailey waves the flag in Albania during last month's World Cup qualifier in Tirana.

introduced by the football authorities since the disgraceful scenes in West Germany last June."

What measures, pray, could they be expected to introduce?

The panacea now is the promise that should the Bill go through, convicted thugs, when England or English clubs play abroad, will be obliged to report to an attendance centre here.

Big deal. And big begging of questions. As I've said before, only a tiny proportion of such thugs will ever be caught, let alone convicted.

Secondly, the means already exist to make them go to an attendance centre. We don't need any new legislation for that.

You can understand why Moynihan is clinging to this misbegotten law like grim death to a knobstick. His political career (his what?) depends on it.

The only reason the Government is persisting with such an ill-drafted, idiotic scheme is because Thatcher has nailed her colours to its rickety mast. Well might the Lords be perturbed, as they were, by the prospect that it would be a criminal offence to try to get into a ground without an ID card.

In the background, Luton Town continue to make irrelevant noises, just as misguided politicians and a few ill-informed journalists continue to make ill-judged noises about Luton.

Luton's own scheme has nothing to do with the case. Away fans (nominally) are not admitted. But we all know that they do get in anyway. The new ID card won't ban them.

Yes, the Lords' amendment may properly be said to be a wrecking one. And more power to their ermine-clad elbows.

The Bill deserves to be wrecked. If it is steamrollered through the House of Commons, the seeds of its own destruction are within it.

The trouble is that it could cause wide destruction in football before that happens.

UNLUCKY 13 FOR DERBY?

KUBIK, Knoflicek and Rule 13. An odd, anomalous business, which may have been resolved by the time you read this, but is nonetheless worth investigating.

Lubos Kubik and Ivo Knoflicek are, of course, talented Czech international players who defected while touring in Belgium.

Their agent approached Derby County, whose formidable polymath of a chairman, Robert Maxwell, is of Czech origin.

Derby were pleased to snap them up. In due course, they brought Kubik, an attacking midfielder, and Knoflicek, a fleet-footed outside left, back to the Baseball Ground, where the two have been training with the first team, coaching schoolboys and diligently learning English.

Derby assumed that under FIFA Rule 13, the two would be allowed to play for them after a year's suspension; which would mean from September 1 of this year.

Enter Fiorentina, though at what precise date is a matter for argument.

The Florentine club, seeing Kubik as the "new Giancarlo Antognoni", signed a contract for his transfer with his club, Slavia of Prague, and with the Czech FA, but not, be it emphasised, with the player himself (despite the recent busy idleness of that European Parliamentary Commission, professional footballers are not quite slaves).

Derby insist that the contract was signed after the two had agreed to join them. Fiorentina maintain that it was signed subsequently.

Now to Rule 13. It lays down, with large ambiguity, that any amateur or refugee footballer who leaves his native country may play again after an automatic suspension of one year.

The Czechs say that Kubik and Knoflicek come into neither category. They are not refugees, they are not amateurs; the second argument being pretty rich when it comes from a country which has been bending the rules for some 70 years — the Czech "shamateur team", it was, which walked off the field in the Olympic football final of 1920 in Antwerp.

Derby point out that Kubik, at home, is categorised as a locksmith and believe that both men can be classed as refugees.

But what is a refugee and what is an amateur? The Czechs, like the Soviets and the Poles, are at long last beginning to clean up their act and admit that their leading players are all professionals. This very much for their own purposes.

For decades past, we have known about those so-called "policemen" and their like who turned up at the police station once a week, to collect their pay.

The Czechs have now instituted an organisation known as Praga Sport which wheels and deals in athletes, splitting any proceeds three ways; between the football federation, the sports authorities and the state. Not the player, you will notice.

Analogously, the Soviet federation greedily snatches most of the money paid out to the dribble of players — Baltacha, Zavarov, Khidiatulin — which it allows to go abroad.

As for the Poles, they have slapped a five-year domestic ban on their gifted midfielder Andrzej Rudy, who has dared to join Koln.

His case looks very similar, on the surface, to that of the two Czechs. Five years, rather than one? Vengeance is mine, say the Poles.

What is perfectly clear is that Rule 13, on whose basis FIFA must decide the Czech dilemma, is manifestly inadequate. Now that, under glasnost, perestroika and all that, the Iron Curtain countries are making honest men of themselves for economic reasons, it is harder than ever to see defecting stars as amateurs.

By the same token, what constitutes a refugee? This is almost a semantic rather than a juridical matter.

One man's refugee is another man's traitor. Thus, any decision, any definition, taken by FIFA must, of necessity, be an arbitrary one.

What is urgently needed, as soon as the Derby case is settled, is an agonising reappraisal by FIFA of a rule which is now leaking like a sieve.

TURKISH D

CLUB FOCUS ON GALATASARAY BY KEIR R

GALATASARAY of Istanbul must now venture where no Turkish team has been before — the semi-finals of the Champions' Cup.

Their victory over Monaco was not such a surprise, given the French champions' debilitating injury problems. But confidence remains a brittle feature of Galatasaray's make-up and it only needs a bad bounce or silly error to turn their clock back to more ragged and undisciplined days.

Of course, in one sense Galatasaray were lucky to have even progressed as far as the quarter-finals. The hooligan excesses of their fans in the second round return against Xamax Neuchatel of Switzerland saw UEFA chuck them, temporarily, out of the competition.

Galatasaray had lost the first leg 3-0 in Switzerland and though they won the return 5-0 it was on a night when Swiss players and match officials were pelted with missiles.

One linesman and a Swiss substitute needed treatment after the latest in series of incidents involving Galatasaray.

Previous matches involving the Turkish champions have seen either hooligan trouble or political demonstrations and it was no surprise — to neutrals — when UEFA's disciplinary committee ordered that the second leg against Xamax by replayed.

That decision provoked an unprecedented response. Turkish newspapers, football officials and even government Ministers urged Galatasaray fans to protest to UEFA — which they did to such effect that they jammed the UEFA switchboard and put senior officials such as president Jacques Georges and secretary-general Hans Bangerter in fear of personal attack.

In those circumstances it seems wrong that UEFA did not delay their hearing of Galatasaray's appeal. But, to the fury of the Swiss, the appeal commission decided that the match result should stand . . . but that Galatasaray should play their next two European matches 200 miles from Istanbul.

That is why the second leg of the quarter-final against Monaco will be staged in Cologne where Galatasaray hope Turkish Gastarbeiter in West Germany will rally to the cause and lift them into the Champions' Cup semi-finals for the first time.

Galatasaray are, clearly, more than a football club. They provide a social focus similar to Barcelona in Catalonia. They also lead the way on the pitch in Turkish football, as well as off it.

Three years ago, guided by former West German national manager Jupp Derwall, Galatasaray sparked off a domestic tactical revolution.

When Derwall arrived in Istanbul, as he has freely admitted, the Turkish game in general and Galatasaray in particular were a tactical and disciplinary disaster.

He was surprised and delighted by the amount of natural talent but none of it was being chanelled or developed effecively.

Steadily Derwall brought the Turkish game up-to-date. Concepts such as a balanced midfield and 'pressing' were old hat back in West Germany but a breath of exciting fresh air in Turkey.

It took between one and two seasons for the rest of the league to understand and follow suit. But by then Galatasaray had won the championship two years in a row and Derwall had been able to retire gracefully from the scene.

His retirement at the end of last season, however, has created problems. Derwall employed 4-4-2 or 4-3-3 and his back row of Erhan, Ismail, Semih and Cuneyt was comparatively impregnable.

But Derwall's former assistant and now successor, Denizli Mustafa, has tried to adopt a 3-5-2 formation with mixed success. A loss of form and confidence in midfield has made goals much harder to come by for strikers Tanju Colak — Europe's top league goalscorer for 1988 — and Mirsad Kovacevic.

That has been hard for the fans to accept after two years of unbroken success for the club which played such a central role in the development of Turkish football.

The game was first introduced in 1899 at the famous old Galatasaray French High School in Istanbul. Such 'westernised' team sports were then outside the law.

But by 1905 the climate of opinion had changed to such an extent that eight class-mates — Ali Sami Yen, Asim Tefvik, Emin Bulent, Celal, Bekir, Tahsin, Cevdet and Alidin Daver — set up the first formal Turkish football club.

They first adopted the national colours of red and white, did not like those and switched to black and yellow. These failed to win unanimous approval either so a compromise was reached; and to this day Galatasaray play in red and yellow.

Also to this day Galatasaray maintain their historic link with the old school.

The club presidents have all been old boys of the 'Lycee': Ali Sami Yen (after whom their home stadium is named), Yusuf Ziya Onis, Suphi Batur, Ulvi Yenal (an early star

THE COACH

DENIZLI Mustafa. Aged 45. Previously assistant to Jupp Derwall and now in sole charge since the West German's retirement from management at the end of last season. Denizli has not been too successful in trying to develop Derwall's tactical schemes. Denizli was manager of Turkey for a while during the last European championship qualifiers, following quickly on the heels of Candan Tarhan and Coskun Ozari. His first match in charge was a 3-1 defeat at home to Rumania but then they beat East Germany 3-1 in a friendly and drew 0-0 with England in the European qualifiers. Denizli almost quit before the England match when the federation refused to postpone the league programme the previous weekend. Denizli was still Galatasaray aide and nine of his club men were in the national squad. He was persuaded to stay on temporarily when the federation compromised and allowed Galatasaray to postpone their game.

THE SQUAD

Zoran SIMOVIC. Goalkeeper. Aged 34 (born November 2, 1954) with 10 caps for Yugoslavia. Began his career in Yugoslavia with home-town minor club Krusevac, made his name with Hajduk Split and was voted Footballer of the Year in 1983. Simovic starred against Tottenham in the UEFA Cup semi-finals the following spring and was linked with Nottingham Forest. But he had a disastrous time at the finals of the 1984 European championship in France and was transferred to Galatasaray soon afterwards. This season critics of the team have described Simovic's long clearances as one of the team's more effective attacking ploys.He was also the inspirational hero of their first-leg resistance against Monaco in the Champions' Cup quarter-finals.

HAYDAR Erdogan. Goalkeeper. Aged 29.

ISMAIL Demiriz. Right back. Aged 27 with 37 caps. Signed by Galatasaray from Genclerbirligi of Ankara. Turkey's regular rightback since making his first appearance in the 1-0 win over Northern Ireland in Ankara in the last European championship qualifiers.

SEMIH Yuvakuran. Left back. Aged 26 with 17 caps for Turkey. Began with Bursaspor. Has calmed down in recent seasons after developing a reputation for his hot temper as well as footballing ability. Once suspended by Galatasaray after an argument in training with fellow international defender Ismail grew too heated. Made his national team debut in a 1-0 win over Luxembourg six years ago.

CUNEYT Tanman. Centre-back/midfield/forward. Aged 32 with 17 caps. Club captain and one of the most experienced and versatile members of the squad. Cuneyt has played all his career with Galatasaray. Made his international debut in a 1-0 defeat by Egypt in Cairo in January, 1984.

ERHAN Onal. Centre-back (stopper or sweeper). Aged 31 (born September 3, 1957) with 21 caps. Much-travelled defender who began as a left winger with Bayern Munich in West Germany, where his father had gone in search of work. Erhan was with Bayern from 1976 to 1979 and then moved to Standard Liege in Belgium before returning to Istanbul with Fenerbahce and then moving on to Galatasaray. It was towards the end of his spell with Bayern that he made his debut for Turkey in a 1-0 defeat by Algeria in February 1979. Captained Turkey against England for the goalless draw in Izmir in the last European qualifiers.

MUHAMMED Altintas. Centre-back and midfield. Aged 25. Previously played for Edirnespor.

UGUR Tutuneker. Midfield/forward. Aged 26 with three caps. Joined Galatasaray three years ago from Orduspor, who had discovered him playing in the West German regional league (during which time he also had a trial with Bayern Munich). Ugur was a member of the Turkish squad for the Olympic qualifying tournament.

SAVAS Demirel. Midfield. Aged 28 with 24 caps. One of Turkey's most consistent internationals, who made his name with Samsunspor — like Tanju.

ARIF Kocabiyik. Midfield. Aged 26 with 14 caps. Considered as Turkish football's 'Brazilian' with his close control and pinpoint passing. Played previously for Rizaand Fenerbahce, where he earned his nickname of The Fox.

METIN Yildiz. Left wing. Aged 29 with 32 caps. Began with Galatasaray's youth secions and then wandered back to his home-city club via spells with Zonguldak, Konya, Malatyaspor and Adanaspor.

YUSUF Kocabiyik. Midfield. Aged 31 with 14 caps. Previously with Izmirspor.

SAVAS Koc. Midfield. Aged 24 with 12 caps. Another Turk brought home to domestic stardom from West Germany. Brought back to the Turkish league by Samsunspor after playing in West German regional league football. Galatasaray had, with Jupp Derwall's West German connections, been confident of completing a deal first. However they finally got their man, at a much stiffer price, two years later. Savas, who made his full international debut in the 4-0 defeat by Yugoslavia with which the Turks opened their last European campaign, was also captain of their unsuccessful Olympic Games qualifying team.

Dzevad (Cevat) PREKAZI. Forward/midfield. Aged 31, a Yugoslav who played for his country at under-21, B, and Olympic level. Made his name originally with the army club, Partizan Belgrade, moved onto Hajduk Split with great (goal-scoring) success and spent a summer in North America with Canada's Baltimore Blast before returning to Europe and to Turkish football with Galatasaray. He was Galatasaray's second-top scorer last season with 14 goals.

Mirsad KOVACEVIC. Striker. Aged 33 with representative appearances but no full internationals for Yugoslavia. Has scored 165 goals in his 15 years of first-class football in Yugoslavia and Turkey. Began in Yugoslavia with Sloboda Tuzla, was one of the stars of the Besiktas team which won the Turkish championship in 1985 before transferring to Galatasaray.

ILYAS Tufekci. Wing/midfield. Aged 29 (born February 3, 1960) with 27 caps. Key man in Galatasaray's late surge at the end of the 1986-87 season to their first Turkish league title in 14 years. Derwall and Denizli put his influence down to the experience he had gained over four years playing in the West German Bundesliga with Stuttgart and Schalke. Son of an immigrant worker in West Germany, Ilyas played as a youth in West Berlin with Sudost Berlin and TuS Wannsee from whom he graduated to the ever-controversial first division club, Hertha Berlin. Went from there to Stuttgart and was sold to Schalke in 1981. Made his debut for Turkey in a 3-0 defeat by Czechoslovakia in April 1981 in the World Cup qualifiers. Known as Ilyas to the Turks but as Tufekci in West Germany.

ELIGHT

ONEDGE

layer), Sadik Giz, Refik Selimoglu, elahattin Beyazit, Mustafa Pekin, li Uras and the current president, li Tanriyar).

That same year of 1905 league otball made a shaky start, with the rmation of the Istanbul Sunday eague.

The three leading clubs then are e three leaders now: Galatasaray, enerbahce and Besiktas, all from tanbul.

Galatasaray have always been an tward-looking club. In 1911 they ecame the first Turkish team to efeat foreign opposition.

Their victims were the Hungarian ub, Klozwar, beaten 4-2 in tanbul. Such was the Turks' nking at the time that a few onths later they thrashed the umanian champions, Olimpia, by 1-1 in Bucharest.

Then, in 1924, Galatasaray ecame the first Turkish club to ngage a foreign coach, in nglishman Billy Hunter. Later ame George Dick, a Scottish inside-rward who played for Blackpool, Vest Ham, Carlisle, Stockport and Vorkington in the 1940s and early 950s.

Dick coached Galatasaray with reat success in the late 1950s and the Turkish game suffered a major loss when he was killed in a car crash in 1960.

Altogether Galatasaray lay claim to 17 championships — broken down into six Istanbul Amateur Regional League triumphs between 1924 and 1951, another three Istanbul Professional Regional League triumphs between 1952 and 1959 and then eight successes since the national league was officially established in 1959.

It was under another British coach, Brian Birch, that Galatasaray achieved a title hat-trick in 1971, 1972 and 1973.

Hopes of emulating that treble are now in doubt. Galatasaray are currently fourth in the table, 15 points adrift of leaders and old rivals Fenerbahce (in a league which now award three points for a victory).

Galatasaray, Fenerbahce and Besiktas were in the forefront when professionalism made its first inroads into the Turkish game in 1952 with the formation of an Istanbul professional championship.

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TANJU Colak. Striker. Aged 25 (born November 10, 1963) with 17 caps. urkey's top player who cost Galatasaray domestic record £200,000 from amsunspor two years ago. Tanju was olden Boot-winner last season after his 9 goals made him Europe's top league oal-scorer. When the Golden Boot resentation was staged in Monte Carlo arlier this year Tanju promised a goal on is active service return and duly rovided the brave diving header which pped the first leg scales against lonaco. Tanju has been the Turkish eague's leading marksman for the past ree seasons. In 1985-86 he never oked back after a great start thanks to hat-trick in Samsunspor's 4-2 away win ver Altay Izmir. Tanju finished the eason with 33 goals and scored a further 5 for Samsunspor in 1986-87. Then came is domestic record of 39 after his move Galatasaray last term. Tanju has at st translated his domestic success into ational team terms. He made a poor urkey debut out of position in midfield in 6-0 thrashing by Hungary in Istanbul in pril, 1984. But his goalscoring uccesses of recent years have instilled ew confidence and he scored two fine oals earlier this season in a World Cup ualifying victory over East Germany. He en scored the hat-trick which inspired alatasaray's controversil reversal of eir Champions' Cup second round tie gainst Xamax Neuchatel. Tanju's wife is e daughter of a former Fenerbahce and ational team goalkeeper but he has anned her from watching him play ever nce he was sent off in an important romotion match in 1985. The players he ost admires have been Michel Platini nd Gerd Muller. Tanju, on a £500,000 ontract, is the best-paid player in urkey. But he says money is not verything and European success on both dividual and club levels has whetted his ppetite for a transfer to Italy, Spain or rance.

REAL MADRID FACE MILAN

THE draw for the semi-finals of the three European club competitions reawakened one of the continent's oldest rivalries: Real Madrid against Milan in the Champions' Cup.

The two clubs met first in the inaugural Champions' Cup season of 1955-56, Madrid winning 4-2 in the Estadio Bernabeu and then losing 2-1 in San Siro (now the Stadio Meazza).

The goalscorers in that initial double clash included some of the competition's greatest names — Alfredo Di Stefano and Hector Rial for Madrid, Gunnar Nordahl and Juan Schiaffino for Milan.

In the 1958 Final the teams met again in the ill- fated Heysel stadium in Brussels. Madrid were lucky to hang on for a 2-2 draw at the end of 90 minutes then won their third successive crown with an extra-time strike from left winger Francisco Gento.

In 1963-64 Madrid again came out on top. This time the teams met in the quarter-finals and this time Milan were the defending title-holders. Goals from Amancio, Puskas, Di Stefano and Gento earned Madrid another 4-1 home victory and they clung on in San Siro — losing 2-0 to goals from Lodetti and Altafini but winning 4-3 on aggregate.

That was the last time the clubs' paths crossed in European competition. But though all the omens of history are with Madrid, Milan may claim the upper hand in the psychological warfare bound to precede this latest meeting: the Italians have won both recent prestige friendlies between the clubs — 2-1 in Milan last May and then by a remarkable 3-0 in Madrid in September.

SEMI-FINALS DRAW
(matches on April 5 and 19)

CHAMPIONS' CUP
Real Madrid v Milan
Steaua Bucharest v Galatasaray

CUP-WINNERS' CUP
Barcelona v CFKA Sredets
Mechelen (holders) v Sampdoria

UEFA CUP
Napoli v Bayern Munich
Stuttgart v Dynamo Dresden

JUPP DERWALL. . . Galatasaray's West German mastermind.

Limit on transfer prices?

SOVIET UNION . . . by BOB VAUGHAN

BETWEEN training camps and friendlies abroad, Valery Lobanovsky was in Kiev discussing the proposal that the limit on transfer fees paid to lower division clubs be raised or even doubled for an international player.

This is a matter of even greater importance now that Dynamo is self financing and a professional club without a sponsoring enterprise.

The equivalent of about £22,000 is recommended.

To date clubs have not profited from selling players and there has also been no money from television for the transmission of games so it would all be very new.

The State Sports Committee, Goskomsport — still with a large finger in the football pie — is not in favour but has at least begun the negotiations whereby Slovan Bratislava's Vladimir Weiss should be able to join Kiev.

What is, however, agreed is the Dynamo Tounament which will take place in August.

The starters will include Glasgow, not glasnost, Rangers, Ipswich Town, Juventus and naturally, 'Loba's' own boys.

For the moment he is some way towards achieving what he has for years only been able to dream about.

'Loba' is not, however, a man to rest on his laurels and the next job was to run the training camp in Italy at the Pilettina Centre put at the 'Sbornaja's' disposal by Internazionale.

A total of 24 players were called, all well known names, except for Lok Moscow newcomer, Andrei Kalaytchev, an athletic 25-year-old defender.

Nine of the successful Olympic squad were on board in preparation for the friendly with the Bulgars.

'Loba' described the 'stage' as a super one.

What else could it be in such weather, in ideal conditions with genial hosts.

There was nevertheless no respite for the participants who had not a day off, trained twice a day beneath the hot Italian sum and also had to play a string of friendlies against local sides.

The day and morning before the Bulgarian test there was also training!

Without Kidiatoulin and Zaverov in Toulouse and Turin, and the unwell Mikhailitcenko, the team were nevertheless superior winning 2-1 in front of 50,000.

Rats' winner from a Belanov back-heel set the seal on a good performance, admiringly watched by an interested Franz Beckenbauer whose West German team are the next in the Vasily Levasky for a friendly.

Off the field and back in Moscow, Federation President Topornin announced his resignation.

Officially he has gone because he recently became the head of a science research institute.

There would, however, seem to be other grounds too. One is that with the growing professionalism of soccer the post will no longer be a sinecure!

Now the Dynamo footballers — or rather the club — has been freed of the chains of Goskomsport and the Central Dynamo organisation other clubs are beginning to act.

There is some football glasnost, too. Beskov's sacking, the transfer of players to the West, the sums received in transfer fees and much else is now known to the public.

From the resumption on March 11 clubs could even field up to two foreigners in the league.

Whether Weiss will be seen in a Kiev shirt before the Army Sports Club of Rostov-on-Don get two Mozambique internationals — goalkeeper Filippe and striker Nicu — into second division action remains to be seen!

Even the useless limitation on the number of draws for which a point may be awarded has been thrown out as perestroika inches forward.

POLAND . . .

POLES' GOOD TOUR

THE Polish national team have toured Costa Rica, Guatemala and El Salvador. But it did not get off to a good start, literally.

An indoor tournament at home before departure caused a number of injuries and then Dziekanowski, Araszkiewicz and Ziober had to stay behind as their passports and visas were not in order.

It was therefore a somewhat experimental squad, though some would say this is nothing new given the amount of testing and number of players used by manager Lazarek during his time in office.

Whether such opposition is the right sort given that the World Cup matches are with Albania, England and Sweden may be questioned.

It will, however, not be the last voyage across the ocean for the Polish players this year as the national team, along with Mexico and Argentina are being signed up by Cosmos for their July tournament.

The USA and Canada will also be competing.

A signature is still awaited from the appropriate official in Warsaw, however.

Nevertheless the Central American venture was a success.

Costa Rica's national team was defeated 4-2 in San Jose and the local champions, Herediane, were also seen off.

The only defeat was in Puebla at the end of the tour when Mexico won 3-1.

Before this last game Guatemala were beaten 1-0 so Lazarek could be satisfied with the results, especially as his party had been weakened by so many absentees.

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BAY BUN

BAYERN MUNICH picked up where they left off when the Bundesliga resumed the second-half of the season in mid-February after an eleven-week break.

West Germany's most successful club then established a league record, which surprisingly went almost un-noticed in the media.

The Bavarians played 19 games from the start of the season without defeat, thus overhauling Hamburg's mark of 18 reached in 1982/83.

Then, thanks to their 20th match without defeat, Bayern extended their lead at the top to five points ahead of Koln, the emerging Hamburg and title holders Werder Bremen.

Remarkably, when Bayern lost at Hearts in the first leg of the UEFA Cup quarter-finals, it was their first setback of the season on an away ground.

They had been beaten 2-0 in Munich by Inter Milan in the UEFA tournament but pulled back the deficit in Italy, and lost to Karlsruhe by 4-3, which ended their interest in the DFB Cup.

Since January, Bayern have missed five-times capped midfielder Hans Dorfner, who is only 23, but has already undergone seven operations on his knee, thigh muscles, cartilage and both ankles.

His latest 'break' will last until April.

The surprise team are Hamburg who, despite outside problems, are still in contention for honours.

Business manager Erich Ribbeck who, as team chief, took Bayer Leverkusen to a UEFA Cup triumph last year, explains: "We

STEAUA ARE THE SOLE SU

RUMANIA

RUMANIA'S European hopes rest solely with Steaua Bucharest after the quarter-finals of the three competitions.

Victoria did not do enough in their home UEFA Cup tie, even though Dynamo Dresden lost Kirsten in the second minute for a disgraceful foul on Stefan and had to play virtually the whole match with ten men.

Despite this and the urgings of a full house at the tiny ground on the Dinamo Complex, only one goal was the sum total of the efforts of Coras & Co and Dresden held on for a draw and a comfortable win back in East Germany.

Florin Halagian's men can still look back with pride on an extraordinary rise from Division Four to European football and displacing Rapid to become the third club in Bucharest.

During the break, the squad has been strengthened by the additions of Stefan from FC Arge Pitesti and Pana, formerly of Flacara Moreni.

Halagian maintains that his team always follows instructions to the letter, play to their strengths and every member gives his utmost.

Steaua easily saw off IFK Gothenburg. The brain of their attack is the 'Maradona of the Carpathians', Gheorghe Hagi.

The 23-year-old schemer with a nose for goals, who comes from the village of Sacale near Constanta, was a late starter and only began playing football in 1978 when his father took him along to join FC Constanta.

His talent did not remain hidden from the big city scouts for long and soon he left behind family and friends to move to a Bucharest suburban club, Lucea Farul, a well known nursery.

Some youth representative football and junior international experience followed and the chance to go on to Steaua or Dinamo was soon offered.

Victory

But Hagi wanted to take things step by step and opted instead for Sportul Studentesc so that he would be assured of first team football on joining an 'A' Division club.

He was soon the star at Sportul but it was clear that sooner or later, another move would have to take place if he were to reach the top internationally.

He therefore moved to Steaua

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WEST GERMANY . . . by ARTHUR ROTMIL

sold five internationals before the season started — Okonski, Plessers, Grundel, Kastl and Kroth.

"We now have a young side which will quickly develop into a potent force."

Gates in Hamburg have risen appreciably and would have been higher but for the promotion and success of local rivals St Pauli.

Nonetheless, HSV still have debts estimated at £4 million!

The club has been economising and was forced to sell its youth centre, which saved some £40,000, but now they have no youth or amateur section as a basis for developing their own talent.

And they are loathe to grant long-term contracts to such veterans as Manfred Kaltz, 36, and Dittmar Jakobs, 35, who instead were offered agreement for 12 months only.

A sour note was struck by 27-year-old midfielder Thomas von Heesen, for whom an agent arranged a transfer to Eintracht Frankfurt.

But because the clubs could not agree a fee, the proposed move was called off amidst bitter recriminations.

Frankfurt offered a maximum of nearly £1 million whilst Hamburg wanted at least £1.3 million.

Von Heesen, who was obviously counting on a hefty signing-on fee, was bitterly disappointed and was quoted as saying that he "will never play for Hamburg again" — a statement he later denied.

The DFB is now considering taking steps against the activities of some unauthorised agents who are said to have been involved in the recent moves of the internationals Jurgen Kohler (Koln to Bayern Munich) and Dieter Eckstein (Nurnberg to Frankfurt).

Few events have caused such an uproar as the so-called 'Hochstatter Case'.

Borussia Monchengladbach's midfielder Christian Hochstatter was playing in a Bundesliga match at Karlsruhe on November 19 when he was hit by an object hurled from the terraces and suffered an eye injury.

Hochstatter had to leave the field but neither the missile nor the culprit could be found.

The DFB punished Karlsruhe by closing their ground for one match and fining the club £2,500.

The game — which Karlsruhe won 3-1 — had to be replayed, with Monchengladbach grabbing a 2-2 draw thanks to a last minute equaliser.

The disciplinary judge concluded that the number of security men inside the stadium was "insufficient".

Yet there were 188 hired staff, plus 190 police, on duty for a crowd of 23,000.

The question is: how many more are needed to ensure absolute security?

The DFB insists that every home club is wholly responsible for the protection of players, referees and spectators.

And this responsibility includes the good behaviour of the fans. Even of one single maniac, as this case shows.

Everyone agrees that Karlsruhe have been unlucky, though opinions about the sports court verdict are sharply divided.

Some experts are worried that similar decisions will open the door to the manipulation of results.

A terrible blow befell VfB Stuttgart and their international striker Jurgen Klinsmann, West Germany's Footballer of the Year, when the player suffered torn ankle ligaments in a friendly against Steaua Bucharest.

Following an operation, the blond marksman was sidelined for six weeks.

Thus, he missed the UEFA Cup games against Real Madrid, the international versus Bulgaria and, of course, vital club matches.

It is hoped he will turn out for the eminently important clash with Holland in Rotterdam on April 26, which could decide the placings in this strong World Cup group.

All 9,400 tickets allocated to the Germans had been sold by mid-February!

In the Bundesliga, gates are still 3,000 per match down on last year.

There have also been fewer goals scored whilst 75 more bookings were incurred than at the corresponding stage last season.

VIVORS

after the European Cup victory in Seville, became 'Footballer of the Year,' won the championship with his new Bucharest club and now stands on the threshold of the Champions Cup.

This will provide no fears for Hagi. He was an international at 19, in the European Finals in France, and has not missed an international since 1985.

He is a schemer and striker in one, as his eleven goals for Rumania in 44 matches show.

Few doubt in Bucharest that he will be the second Rumanian to win 100 caps after Boloni, who is now seeing his playing career out in French Third Division football.

Hagi's record in league football is even more astounding — 116 goals in 185 games up to the end of 1988.

One disappointment for Hagi, however, has been the lack of success of the national team.

SWITZERLAND . . . by ARTHUR ROTMIL

KOSTKA OUT FROM AARAU

MANAGERIAL changes made the headlines just before and during the winter break in Switzerland.

FC Aarau — for so long a great example of how a small, provincial club should be managed on a shoestring budget — plunged into the bottom four and missed the championship play-off by one place.

Even before this, president Dr Peter Treyer had resigned and team manager Hubert Kostka, the former Polish international goalkeeper, was forced out.

Last season, Aarau finished joint runners-up in the league and gained a UEFA Cup place. But they crashed out in the first round to Lokomotive Leipzig of East Germany on a 7-0 aggregate and from then on, it was downhill all the way in the championship.

After nine games, Aarau were still third but eventually dropped out of contention.

The players turned against Kostka, especially the older ones who plotted his demise behind his back.

In the middle of the initial phase of the league programme, the manager had practically no say in any matters of importance and the board inexplicably tolerated this state of affairs.

Even more bizarre was the departure of Henri Depireux, the Belgian who led Bellinzona to third place in the first championship phase.

The fans carried banners thanking Depireux for his help and demanded his reinstatement.

But the directors decided he should go following rows which began back in August.

The Belgian claimed he was short-changed when the contract was finalised and then had to be amended.

The board interfered in the preparations of the squad and they engaged players against the wishes of the manager.

Eventually, the club president didn't even speak to Depireux.

Bellinzona's new team chief is the Yugoslav Velibor Vasovic, 49, the former Ajax captain, a European Cup winner, his country's Footballer of the Year in 1966 and a 34-times capped defender.

He also won the league championship four times and the cup three times with Partizan Belgrade.

Last year, he led Red Star Belgrade to the championship and earlier managed Partizan and the French side Angers, whom he took to promotion.

Hans Dorfner. . . Bayern midfielder

CZECHOSLOVAKIA . . . by BOB VAUGHAN

HASEK WINS AS SPARTA DOMINATE

FOOTBALLER of the Year is Sparta midfielder Ivan Hasek. The annual award, polled by the sports magazine 'Stadion' in Prague was again won by the champions' motor man in front of his former teammate, Josef Chovanec now with PSV Eindhoven.

'Schovanek', as he is called in the Netherlands, was one of six past and present Spartans in the list of the first 11 chosen by 'Stadion' — a symbol of current Letna dominance of the League.

Sparta's excellence had some effect on goal scoring and the number of spectators in the first half of the 1988/89 season. Compared with autumn 1987 a total of 377 goals were recorded and 676,694 tickets sold.

On the other hand red cards were on the increase, too, and referees had to reach into their pockets 26 times, an all time record in the top flight.

It may, however, prove difficult to maintain interest in the season's second half.

No European Cup matches, a championship probably already on its way to the Sparta trophy cupboard and only one World Cup qualifying game at home in May, against Luxembourg, may mean fans staying at home.

The highlight, which most will see on television, is the key match in Group 7 with Belgium in the Heysel at the end of April.

A draw will be the minimum but such a result should put a place in Italy within Dr Venglos' compass.

Before the final showdown in the autumn a friendly away to Austria has been arranged so the CSSR should go well prepared in to the home games with Portugal and Switzerland.

Elsewhere Czechs and Slovaks abroad, besides Chovanec, continue to make news.

The Kubik and Knoflicek tale runs without as yet any final decisions or compromises while in Dusseldorf there is disappointment.

A torn muscle keeps Pavel Chaloupka out of the Fortuna side which signed him to beef up the midfield.

Team manager, Josef Venglos, the assistant when the CSSR won the European title in 1976, the chief when his country took the bronze in Rome four years later and now back in the hot seat after spells in Australia and Portugal, is convinced he must bring out the individual talent of each of his players, especially when the side has to make the running and win home ties with attacking football.

The sympathetic Slovak is not an enthusiastic for 'block building' from a limited number of clubs but it has to be said there were respectively eight Spartans in the squad for the away tie in Luxembourg and seven in Bratsilava where the Belgians managed a goalless draw.

He has had time with the pool of players likely to be selected for the Heysel game and return with Luxemburg in France during the break but is aware the other nationals have ambitions in the Group in which only Luxembourg are realistically without a chance.

Czechoslovakia have only been spectators since the 1982 World Cup in Spain and qualification for Italia '90 is crucial for the country's football from top to bottom.

It is a very even group and the strengths and weaknesses of the squad were tested in the games with Olympique Nimes (2-1), OGC Nice (2-0) and Red Star Belgrade (1-0).

Eighteen players made the French tour, Chovanec being the only absentee.

The agreement with PSV is that he is available for preparatory friendlies and World Cup ties and his close contact with football in the Low Countries may be a help when it comes to facing Gerets & Co in Brussels.

So far in the Czechoslovakia group, six games have been played, 11 goals scored and excluding the Portugal-Belgium draw an average gate of 19,290 recorded.

The 52-year-old professor of eduction from Bratislava will be leading his troops in to action in the Heysel with the knowledge of the previous day's result of Portugal's third home match in a row.

A draw in the shadow of the Atomium and on the Iberian Peninsula, maximum home points and no disaster in Switzerland would bring a smile to the face of the former Slovan defender who can not keep away from the game in any spare time which finds him either travelling with his notebook or playing for his old clubs veterans.

from DEBABRATA CHOWDHUR

HUNGARY have lifted the Jawaharlal Nehru Gold Cup for the second time, carving out a merited 2-0 win over the Soviet Union.

Coming, as it did, in the wake of a domestic scandal, the victory must be a shot in the arm for the Magyars.

Hungary's victory in the Final at the Nehru Stadium in Margao, Goa, was a clear case of 'once bitten twice shy'.

In the earlier encounter in the league section, they had to pay a heavy price for losing their cool under extreme provocation from the Soviets.

That game, which the Russians won 3-2, was indeed a stormy one as Iraqi referee Abdul Kader sent off Hungarian goalkeeper Zsolt Petry.

The incident was a sequel to the award of a penalty when the Soviet midfielder Andrei Piatnitski was brought down inside the box by Laszlo Gyenti.

With more than a quarter of an hour remaining the Soviets, deriving utmost benefit from the numerical advantage, managed to transform a 2-1 deficit into a 3-2 victory.

In the Final the roles were, however, reversed with the Soviets rattled as their opponents committed one professional foul after another.

At times the game looked like going out of Indian referee Sagar Sen's control and he had to show the yellow card to eight players, five of them being Soviets.

Hungary, comprised mostly of Videoton players, were clearly the better side and Player of the Year Zoltan Csucsanszky made the breakthrough with a brilliant drive from 25 yards in the 31st minute.

Robert Jovan, one of the leading scorers in the domestic league, stabbed the second goal off a rebound 12 minutes into the second-half.

Patches

The Soviet Union made some desperate attempts late in the game but Janos Koszta parried, punched and caught everything thrown at him. Petry had been ruled out of the Final through suspension.

Apart from their only defeat against the Soviet Union in the league game, Hungary appeared to be a cut above the rest and they did not have to go all out for their victories over Iraq, North Korea, Poland and India.

The Soviets, winners of the Cup during the past four years, looked impressive only in patches despite victories in all their league games.

Surely, this was their weakest-ever line-up in the Nehru Cup. The one player who stood out was defender Gela Ketashvili.

Poland, last year's runners-up,

DRESD DRAW

DYNAMO DRESDEN have started the 'Rueckrunde" with two Oberliga and one European draws.

A 2-2 scoreline at Erfurt was less than expected, no goals at home to Magedeburg even more disappointing.

Nevertheless the Elbe City 'Autumn Champions' will take some catching and the performance in Bucharest was reason for cautious optimism at half time in the UEFA tie with Victoria.

The view of Andreas Trautmann before the second leg in a sold out Dynamo-Stadion was that if they could not complete the task they should give up!

He clearly has not, his good performances in Europe and the first half of the championship earning a recall to the national squad for the friendly against Egypt.

Less satisfactory was Ulf Kristen's brief appearance in Victoria's tiny ground.

It lasted two minutes during the second of which he rendered Stefan's face black and blue and deservedly saw red, from the hand of Scottish referee Syme.

He misses the return but with Stuebner fit again Eduard Geyer's troops should march to victory and Dynamo's first ever European semi final.

The national squad has been warming up during the winter break and trying to shake off the trauma of World Cup defeat in Turkey.

A 4-0 win in Cairo over Egypt was a satisfactory start for new manager Manfred Zapf. He restored Rene Mueller to the squad and played him for 90 minutes.

It was a comfortable return for the Lok 'keeper whose last appearance was a year ago and whose career had taken a dive following the Leipzig club's poor start to the season.

Koehler of FC Karl-Marx-Stadt made his debut but players and manager were anxious that the result was not given too much significance.

The Egyptians were not four

India

came with a mediocre side as did North Korea, for whom this was the first big tournament after the FIFA-imposed ban in 1982.

Considering that they came with their youth team — the seniors were busy in the World Cup qualifiers — the Iraqis did not do all that badly.

India's performance in the eighth version of the tournament was as poor as ever and they lost all of their five games.

Coach Syed Naeemuddin's claim that India, for the first time, played an attacking brand of soccer was little consolation to the millions of soccer lovers in the country.

RESULTS: Hungary 3 North Korea 0; Poland 2 India 0; Soviet Union 1 Iraq 0; Hungary 5 Poland 1; North Korea 0 Iraq 0; Soviet Union 2 India 0; Hungary 1 Iraq 0; Soviet Union 2 Poland 0; North Korea 2 India 1; Soviet Union 3 Hungary 2; Iraq 2 India 1; North Korea 2 Poland 0; Hungary 1 India 0; Soviet Union 1 North Korea 0; Poland 1 Iraq 1.

Final (February 4): Hungary 2 Soviet Union 0.

Previous winners: 1982 — Uruguay beat China 2-0; 1983 Hungary beat China 2-1; 1984 — Poland beat China 1-0; 1985 — Soviet Union beat Yugoslavia 2-1; 1986 — Soviet Union beat China 1-0; 1987 — Soviet Union beat Bulgaria 2-0; 1988 — Soviet Union beat Poland 2-0.

HUNGARY WIN THE NEHRU GOLD CUP

Andreas Thom (left) of BFC Dynamo and Rene Muller of Lokomotiv Leipzig.

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goals worse but the GDR also won a second game against their hosts' Olympic XI so perhaps already the former DFV Director of Coaching had made some difference.

Asked for his view, Mueller said he was not overvaluing a four goal win in Africa but, on the other hand, the side took all its chances which suggests Kirsten and Thom are back to form.

The defence was secure and weathered the storm in the opening minutes of each half.

Glad to be back in the side, Mueller added that he would be rolling up his sleeves and fighting all the way for a place in Italy, something still within the GDR's reach.

It looks likely he will be adding to his 43rd cap gained in Cairo.

The new management team of Manfred Zapf, assisted by Frank Engel and Heinz Werner, were asked for the aims of the trip to Cairo.

They replied it was part of the build up to the coming World Cup qualifying games; a further test for the experienced and newer

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members of the squad; notably those who had been out with injuries; an opportunity to try out various tactical ploys; a chance to get the individuals playing as a team; a friendly to forget the disappointment of Istambul; a gathering of the international players at a time which would not prejudice Dynamo's UEFA preparations.

Zapf was satisfied with his teams, both in the official international and in the representative encounter in their commitment against opposition which should not be underrated.

The defending had been sound though, naturally, Zapf would expect Trautmann, Lindner and Rohde to be better in the air than the Egyptian front line which they were.

But no goals against was encouraging with Rohde as libero and the double centre halves operating in front of him.

Zapf fielded three play makers in the middle — Sammer, Doll and Steinmann — and despite the latter being injured the side's play was more positive than in recent times.

The goalgetters also were on top of their job as the result shows.

Trautmann made a satisfactory return and the new boys all earned another chance.

Now it will have to be seen how the further friendlies with Greece in Athens and Finland in Dresden go before the side is selected for the vital home tie in Magdeburg with Turkey.

Also in international action with the GDR's 'U 20' in Riyad.

The fifth Junior World Championship saw the GDR drawn in a Group with Mali, the USA and Brazil.

A crowd of 30,000 saw the South Americans defeat the GDR youngsters who did rather too much ball watching while the favourites demonstrated their considerable skills.

A goal in each half was sufficient against a GDR side which managed to overcome its nervousness for part of the 90 minutes.

The 'Riyad Daily' felt it was a sparkling start for the Brazilians, the 'Saudi Gazette' praised their excellent technique while the 'Arab News' reported that the green and yellows had gobbled up the Germans!

Off the field in the GDR the votes for the 'Footballer of the last 40 years' will be counted soon.

AUSTRIA . . .

Happel's title ambition

AS the Austrian Championship got underway in mid-March after one of the longest breaks in European football, the focus of attention was centred on FC Tirol and their venerable manager Ernst Happel.

In one of his rare interviews, the best-known Austrian coach explained his ambition to become champion at last with one of his country's clubs.

Happel has managed successfully in Holland, Spain, Belgium and West Germany but never, until now, in his native land.

He knew when he left Hamburg that he would face a particularly tough task with Tirol, trying to break the stranglehold of the Viennese giants Rapid — where he starred as a player — and FK Austria.

It now looks as if his target will be reached.

Says Happel: "It was hard work getting rid of the ingrained bad habits here.

"In Austria, it is all about attitude. There is not enough commitment and the players have an aversion to hard running."

Should Tirol win the title, would Happel be regarded as a pioneer?

"If I fail, then it would be a catastrophe for Austrian football — a step back and proof that with Austrian footballers, even hard work cannot guarantee success."

To the rumours that he wants to leave Tirol and replace Rinus Michels at Bayer Leverkusen in West Germany, Happel retorts that Tirol would not let him go in any case.

"It all depends on the club. If it is a well-managed organisation, then I shall fulfil my contract.

"Otherwise, I could create an artificial problem and pack it in."

Happel reaffirmed that he is happy in Innsbruck since the club is well-organised and the outlook is rosy.

To the question of whether he will end his career in Austria, he responded: "Firstly, I want confirmation that I am 100 per cent fit.

"Before 1990, I can't make a decision. But Italy or West Germany again — now that would be tempting."

SWEDEN

IFK GOTHENBURG, quarter-finalists in the European Cup, have signed Sweden's current number one goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli to replace Norwegian international Erik Thorstvedt.

Ravelli, 29, left relegated Oster under a cloud of controversy after becoming involved in a public mud-slinging match with the club's retiring chairman Stig Svensson.

Svensson, known as "Mr Oster" for the key role he played during the club's successful spell in the 1970's, blamed Ravelli for some of the problems that led to Oster's unexpected relegation.

The goalkeeper hit back, claiming that he was made a scapegoat for the failings of others.

Of course, Ravelli wanted to avoid the public rows and also stated that he was prepared to stay with the club, even in the second division.

But with Thorstvedt leaving for Tottenham, IFK needed an experienced replacement. And Ravelli was only too pleased to move.

After all, his twin brother, stopper Andreas, was already playing for the Angels.

Gothenburg's other leading club, Orgryte, were shocked to learn that their English coach Bob Houghton had accepted an offer to coach FC Ittihad in Saudi Arabia. Houghton had served Orgryte for just two years.

"It is sad to leave but as a professional, I just couldn't say no to an offer like this," the Englishman commented.

Houghton, now with Ittihard for a second spell, will be replaced by Orgryte's former international stopper Conny Carlsson.

Meanwhile, with Dasayev, Zavarov, Rats and company departing the Soviet Union for lucrative contracts in the west, spare a thought for one of the most talented midfield players that the country has ever produced.

Leonid Buryak, the former Dynamo Kiev midfielder, spent last season playing in Finland for Kemin Pallo-Toverit — in the league's third division!

Buryak, now 35, has won 48 full caps and scored eight goals. He is best-known for his radar-like partnership with Oleg Blokhin for both club and country.

Buryak's absence through injury was generally thought to be one of the reasons for the mediocre showing from the Soviets in the 1982 World Cup finals.

The explanation for Buryak's unexpected location lies with Kemi's Russian coach Vladimir Morozov, an old friend of the player.

While Zavarov was mobbed by fans and journalists alike when arriving in Italy, Buryak came to Kemi by train — and was rushed to play a league match almost directly from the station!

There would, no doubt, be several Soviet veterans looking for a chance to break into Scandinavian football.

However, at least in Finland, local clubs have grown cautious after another former World Cup player, Yuri Gavrilov, came to Pori carrying a bad injury of which the club had not been properly informed.

Nevertheless, Sweden's Oster are now banking on two Soviet stars, stopper Sergei Prigoda (ex-Torpedo Moscow) and Sergei Andreyev (ex-SKA Rostov).

At least 31-year-old Andreyev, twice the league's top scorer in his native country, has already shown a lot of useful touches in close season matches.

RELEGATION CARDS FOR

HOLLAND . . . by SIMON KUPER

THE relegation struggle in this year's Dutch league is the most exciting in years with nine clubs still in serious danger of going down — and that's half of the premier division.

Only VVV Venlo seem certain to be relegated. One of the best footballing sides in Holland, VVV's season has been one prolonged disaster.

Their problems started when Leo van Veen took over as manager at the beginning of the season.

He decided to change the club's tactical approach — previously VVV had always played the ball around a lot, a style which won matches but bored spectators.

Van Veen decided to play a more direct, long ball game, a kind of English football.

But what he had forgotten was that VVV's players were still the same. And his plan went hopelessly wrong.

The team lost heart, key player Remy Reynierse attacked the manager at every opportunity and chairman Jeu Sprengers finally decided to sack van Veen last month.

It was a big step for Sprengers to take. Any other club which stood bottom of the table after coming fifth the season before would have sacked its manager much earlier.

But VVV have always been different. There is a relaxed and friendly atmosphere at the club, even in bad times.

Sprengers once said that VVV only panic when the beer runs out!

He has always said that the manager had his full support and he is now embarrassed that he has had to go back on his word and fire van Veen.

Three of the other clubs fighting relegation seem to have saved themselves by buying the right player at the right time.

Sparta Rotterdam have signed former international Michel Valke from Olympique Lyon of France.

Valke started his career with Sparta before moving on to PSV. An experienced midfielder with the best left foot in Holland, Valke is just what the young and unimaginative Sparta team need.

MVV Maastricht have signed Ernie Brandts from Roda Kerkrade.

Brandts, a big centre-half, was one of the stars of the 1978 World Cup. He is now 33 but has successfully organised MVV's chaotic defence — in his first match, MVV won 4-0 at Haarlem.

Willem II Tilburg have signed two Englishmen to aid their bid to stay in the premier division.

They bought David Loggie, top scorer of Holland's first division, from AZ Alkmaar and Louie Donowa from La Coruna of Spain.

Donowa used to play for Norwich City while Loggie, who started his career with York City, has spent the last decade in Holland.

In the end, three clubs will be relegated and the top two of the first division are already almost assured of promotion.

Excelsior Rotterdam and Vitesse Arnhem are a long way ahead of the pack.

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Besiktas won in 1952 and 1953, Galatasaray in 1955, 1956 and 1958 and Fenerbahce in 1957.

That was the prelude to the launching of a full national championship in 1960 and it was at this time that foreign coaches and players began to exert a significance on the development of the domestic game.

Over the years Galatasaray have boasted some of Turkey's greatest players.

But mainstream superstars, who have earned fame beyond Turkey, have been few and far between. One was the centre-half Nihat, who played in the first national team (in a 2-2 draw with the Rumanians in 1923) and went on to collect 21 caps as well as become national captain.

Another was Turgay Seren, Turkey's goalkeeper when they made round-the-world headlines in 1956 by defeating Ferenc Puskas's Magical Magyars 3-1 in Istanbul.

He played 51 times for Turkey and spent almost all his career with Galatasaray — just like Metin Oktay, a remarkable goalscorer who collected 217 league goals during ten years with the club between 1959 and 1969.

Metin was three times league top scorer and scored 19 goals in 40 games for Turkey. In 1962 he set a record which stood for 26 years when he claimed 38 goals in 28 league games.

It was a record surpassed only last season when Galatasaray's new hero, Tanju Colak, scored 39 goals to become the first Turk to win the prestigious Golden Boot,

TURKISH

TURKEY'S experiment of awarding three points for a win has been declared a resounding success — with games becoming more spectacular and interesting for the fans and the number of goals scored on the increase.

The Turks introduced the system to the National League last year after a dismal 1986/87 campaign in which few goals were scored as teams played cautiously, unwilling to take risks.

Now the fans are watching teams who clearly want to challenge for the title and are becoming more positive as a result.

Favourites for the championship are Fenerbahce and Besiktas, with European Cup quarter-finalists Galatasaray out of the running after five unexpected defeats in their first 24 matches.

Gates are on the up, with a record 62,000 turning out in Izmir recently to watch Fenerbahce beat Altay 3-0.

The victory was Fenerbahce's fifth away success in eight outings. Under Yugoslav manager Tudor Veselinovic — who took the club to the championship four seasons ago — Fenerbahce have scored 66 goals and conceded just 17.

Their best away win to date came at Rizespor on the Black Sea, where they triumphed 5-0.

High-scoring home wins have been achieved over Altay 5-0, Ankaraucu 5-1, Kahraman Maraspor 4-1 and Boluspor 4-2.

Outlay

The club's only defeat was by 2-0 against rivals Besiktas.

Fenerbahce's challenge for the title has vindicated their huge pre-season outlay of four billion Turkish lira (around £1,334,000) as they completely reshaped their line-up.

The Turks splashed out £300,000 on West German World Cup hero Schumacher and then signed four players from the leading Anatolian club, Sakaryaspor, who won the Turkish Cup last season.

Oguz, Turan, Serdar and Aykut now dominate Fenerbahce's midfield, thus enabling the team to play attacking football.

Aykut has proved a useful

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Vitesse's star player is a familiar name: Frans Thijssen, formerly with Ipswich Town.

Thijssen is now 37 but Dutch professionals voted him 'Best Player of the First Division' in a poll in The Hague last month.

The players' votes went to PSV Eindhoven's Ronald Koeman for 'Best Player of the Premier Division'; Pieter Huistra of Twente Enschede for 'Best Young Player'; and PSV's Hans van Breukelen for 'Best Goalkeeper'. PSV were 'Club of the Year'.

However, it is the darker side of Dutch football which has been most in evidence recently.

Financial scandals are rife, with Ajax, Groningen and the Dutch FA all hit.

Ajax and Groningen have both been witholding taxes and Ajax could owe the taxman as much as £3 million, a sum which would practically ruin the club.

The chairmen of both clubs have resigned as members of the Dutch FA committee to avoid sullying its reputation.

They needn't have bothered though — the FA has very little reputation left anyway!

The organisation has looked distinctly seedy — not to mention incompetent — since it announced that Holland, winners of the European Championship, made a loss of £25,000 from the tournament.

Recently, things got even worse when the FA had to admit that the total deficit was actually £70,000.

Clubs are already signing their managers for next season.

Piet Buter will join Waneningen and Utrecht have taken Cees Loffeld from an amateur club.

Theo Laseroms of PEC Zwolle is bound for Sariyer of Turkey; Hans Berger will leave Utrecht for Fortuna Sittard; Hans van Doorneveld is going from Fortuna to AZ Alkmaar; Hans Eykenbroek will move from AZ to Haarlem; and Haarlem's Dick Advocaat is joining VV Schiedam — on the whole, simply the same managers moving between the same clubs.

SCANDAL TWIST

GREECE . . . from LOU ECONOMOPOULOS

A SAFE deposit box at the Bank of Crete belonging to Greek soccer idol Dimitris Saravakos proved to be something of a Pandora's Box for the Panathinaikos and Greece captain.

Appeals Court investigating judges George Skarlattos and Evangelos Kroustallakis and Appeals Court prosecutor Dimitris Doris opened several private deposit boxes at the main branch of the Bank of Crete in an effort to find documents having a bearing on the investigations into the biggest financial scandal ever to hit Greece.

The scandal involves banker-publisher George Koskotas, the owner of Olympiakos, and is threatening to bring down the Greek government.

The box belonging to Saravakos revealed a contract by which the player agreed to join Koskotas' Olympiakos for a fee of 600 million drachmas, 100 million of which he is said to have received already.

The new twist in the scandal — which has also involved a number of other players and administrators — angered Panathinaikos fans, who attempted to lynch Saravakos during a practice session recently.

While Saravakos has remained silent on the issue, 100 fans surrounded him after training and only the intervention of the police saved the player.

And after a match against Iraklis, Saravakos was kept under guard for an hour until all the fans had gone home before he was allowed to leave the stadium.

The Greek soccer authorities want Saravakos to explan why he accepted money from one team whilst playing for another. The case is being considered as a bribe.

Meanwhile, Olympiakos are having their own administrative problems as Polish coach Jacek Gmoch was forced by the club to take a month off because he criticised four of his players in the press, including Hungarian star Lajos Detari.

His assistant Yannis Gounaris has stepped in.

"Now that Gmoch has gone, we are 99 per cent of the way to becoming champions," said Detari, obviously pleased with the move by Olympiakos.

"Gounaris is a good coach. I tried in every match to play well but was stopped many times by Gmoch.

"I am sure my performances will improve and the team will play better now that the stress is gone.

"It would have been nice, also, if our president (Koskotas) could be released from jail and be at our side."

Gmoch was quoted as saying in the Greek press that "Olympiakos are governed by the mafia" in commenting about his release.

In other developments in the Greek First Division, Levadiakos president Loukas Kalomiris and merchant Spyros Papadimitriou were jailed for attempting to bribe referee Costas Akridas with 1.5 million drachmas before the Levadiakos-Larissa match.

The Olympiakos-Panathinaikos match ended with police reporting 12 arrests, 17 injuries to policemen, 230 broken chairs at the Athens Olympic Stadium and four broken shop windows.

OFI player Nikos Goulis was banned for a record 21 matches by the authorities after being involved in the player melee after the OFI-Larissa match.

TRANSFORMATION

TURKEY . . . by HASAN CEMALI

goalscorer, too, with 15 to his credit so far.

Up front, the diminutive Ridvan is the headline maker. The talented youngster has made a name for himself with his speed and accurate crossing and has scored 12 goals this term.

Sariyer is the only survivor from the poor Fenerbahce side of 1988 and his consistency was rewarded with an international call-up for the recent match against West Germany.

The happier times at Fenerbahce must come as something of a relief to club owner Tahsin Kaya.

A famous building contractor in Turkey, Kaya has funded the club virtually from his own pocket in recent seasons but realised that sweeping changes were necessary this year if the club were to turn the corner.

Kaya recognised that he had made mistakes in the past in picking his management team and decided that a fresh start was needed.

It was a bold move but one that was to pay off handsomely. The big risk for Kaya was whether the new team would work well together.

The new players were the country's best — but would they adjust to each other's differing styles?

The answer is yes and now things are running smoothly for Fenerbahce.

Besiktas, meanwhile, are also enjoying the good times.

The club that won the league in 1985/86 and has been runners-up every year for the last three are managed by Englishman Gordon Milne and are playing more attacking football than ever before.

Hampered

With an average age of just 23, Besiktas are the youngest team in the league, although they are frequently hampered by injuries.

International striker Metin was out for six months with a head injury and recently, Ali, Les Ferdinand — signed from Queens Park Rangers — and Zeki have joined the injury list.

Striker Feyyas is the league's top scorer with 17 goals and is followed by Ferdinand on nine and Ali on seven.

As well as their free-scoring front-line, Besiktas also boast the best defence in Turkey — Yugoslavian goalkeeper Zalad has had to pick the ball out of his net just nine times.

Besiktas have offered their players a bonus of 15 million Turkish lira if they win the championship and it seems Fenerbahce are the only club that can stop them.

Manager Milne says: "Fenerbahce are up and down during a match.

"They play effectively for ten minutes but if they don't score during this spell, they are likely to lose valuable points.

"We have established team work and continuity into our game.

"Our forwards score the most goals whereas Fenerbahce often have to rely on their midfield men.

"So they have two jobs to do — organising the midfield and scoring goals. Any team which stops them in midfield will win the game."

Surprisingly, Fenerbahce are already out of the Turkish Cup, having gone down 1-0 to Trabzonspor in the first round.

Besiktas saw off Kocaelispor 2-1 and Galatasaray beat Bursaspor 1-0 away.

Samsunspor have pulled out of the championship after the recent coach crash which left two of their players dead and ten seriously injured.

The Turkish Football Federation have announced that the club will be readmitted to the First Division next season.

TURKEY

Besiktas	25	19	6	0	62	11	63
Fenerbahce	24	18	5	1	66	17	59
Sariyer	24	15	3	6	47	28	48
Trabzonspor	26	12	6	8	43	28	42
Ankaragucu	26	12	6	8	30	29	42
Galatasaray	24	11	8	5	43	20	41
Boluspor	25	12	5	8	37	29	41
Bursaspor	25	9	5	11	28	36	32
Malatya	24	8	6	10	38	46	30
Altay	25	8	4	13	33	42	28
A. Demirspor	26	8	4	14	33	56	28
Sakarya	24	7	6	11	24	35	27
Konyaspor	23	8	3	12	23	39	27
Adana	25	6	7	12	30	41	25
Rizespor	24	7	4	13	22	47	25
Eskisehir	25	5	8	12	21	37	23
Karsiyaka	23	5	7	11	32	39	22
Samsunspor	18	4	7	7	12	16	19
K. Maras	26	2	10	14	13	41	16

YOUTH CUP WIN ISN'T ALL IT SEEMS

PORTUGAL . . . by KEIR RADNEDGE

PORTUGUESE football has been given a new lease of life by the youngsters' triumph in winning the World Youth Cup in Saudi Arabia.

The success of the boys so carefully nursed by coach Carlos Queiros was due to more than merely the eye-catching progress in the finals, leading up to the all-important 2-0 victory over Nigeria in the Final.

Two years of painstaking work lay behind that victory, with opponents such as West Germany, France, Switzerland, Holland, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Colombia, Brazil and the Nigerians (twice) eased aside.

That surely demonstrates how the Portuguese managed to combine the best of all possible football worlds on their way through the European qualifiers then out to Riyadh.

The only two nations to have been beaten Portugal in all that time were the Saudi Arabians (in a first-round finals match which took place after Portugal had already ensured their presence in the quarter-finals) and the Soviet Union (after extra time in the European championship final).

Portugal's success was all the more remarkable bearing in mind the political power battle between Porto and Benfica which raged even at this level.

Coach Queiros, Mozambique-born and a former first division goalkeeper, was very nearly replaced just before the finals. Porto, with five players in the squad, wanted Vitor Cabral, chief coach of the Oporto association, to take over.

The move was resisted. Not surprisingly, when you consider that there were eight Benfica players in the squad.

Such success has raised enormous hopes for Portugal's chances in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona and the 1994 World Cup in the United States — the present World Cup having been virtually written off already as a lost cause after the 1-1 home draw against Belgium.

Among the more reflective club officials back in Portugal the potential of the youngsters raised obvious questions about why clubs waste so much money bringing in second-rate foreign players which stifle the progress of this home-grown talent.

But if you look further, the make-up of the World Youth Cup squad incorporates another problem unique to Portuguese football.

No fewer than six members of the 18-strong squad — that is, one third — were born in the old Portuguese African colonies of Mozambique and Angola.

True, they were born before the colonies were granted independence both in political and football terms.

But Portugal's success in Riyadh is thus revealed as perhaps one of the last flings of the old, colonial order — one final connection with the great days of the mid-1960s when some of the greatest of African footballers, such as Eusebio, Coluna, Jose Aguas, Santana and Costa Pereira were 'Portuguese.'

The Riyadh triumph provided a rare diversion away from what appears a predictable run-in to the championship where Benfica are steadily pulling away from a fragmented, and fragmenting, Porto.

The return of Artur Jorge as Porto coach seems to have created, initially at least, more problems than it solved.

He has fallen out with stars such as veteran skipper and marksman Fernando Gomes and goalkeeper Ze Beto and the Algerian, Rabah Madjer, looks a shadow of the player he was when he was inspiring that Champions' Cup success of two years ago.

As for Benfica, they have internal problems of their own but are coping far better.

Brazilian World Cup midfielder Elzo, annoyed at being substituted once too often by coach Toni, announced his intentions to quit.

It seemed the board were taking Toni's side when Elzo was duly suspended.

But only a few days later it

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PORTUGAL'S WORLD CHAMPIONS

No	Full name	Position	Club	Birth	B'date
1	Fernando Jose Alves BRASSARD	Goalkeeper	Benfica	Mozambique	11-7-42
2	ABEL Jorge Pereira da Silva	Right back	Benfica	Lisbon	21-8-69
3	PAULO Lourenco Martins ALVES	Striker	Porto*	Vila Real	10-12-69
4	Paulo Manuel Carvalho de SOUSA	Midfield	Benfica	Viseu	30-8-70
5	Mario Jorge de Castro MORGADO	Left back	Porto*	Mozambique	31-12-69
6	JORGE Antonio Pinto COUTO	Forward	Porto	Feira	1-7-70
7	TOZE (Antonio Jose de Azevedo Pereira)	Midfield	Leixoes	Matosinhos	6-9-69
8	HELIO Filipe Dias de Sousa	Midfield	V. Setubal	Setubal	12-8-69
9	Jose Augusto Bordalo XAVIER	Midfield	Benfica**	Serpa	15-8-69
10	PAULO Sergio Braga MADEIRA	Centre back	Benfica	Launda	6-9-70
11	FILIPE Manuel Esteves Ramos	Midfield	Torriense	Angola	21-4-70
12	Jose Manuel Fernandes Silva Synes BIZARRO	Goalkeeper	Benfica	Matosinhos	11-1-70
13	Antonio Luis Amaral RESENDE	Midfield	Benfica***	Angola	6-11-69
14	JOAO Manuel Vieira PINTO	Forward	Boavista	Oporto	19-8-71
15	Pedro Manuel VALIDO Franco	Centre back	Benfica**	Lisbon	13-3-70
16	FERNANDO Manuel da Silva COUTO	Centre back	Porto****	Espinho	2-8-69
17	Antonio Jose dos Santos FOLHA	Midfield	Porto	Vila Nova	21-5-71
18	Jorge AMARAL Rodrigues	Midfield	Sporting	Mozambique	1-6-70

* Porto player on loan to Gil Vicente;
** Benfica player on loan to Estoril; *** Benfica player on loan to Farense.
**** Porto player on loan to Famalicao.
Amaral (No 18) is on loan from Sporting to Viseu.

NAP CON TITL

NAPOLI have all but conceded the 1989 Italian league title to Internazionale.

Coach Ottavio Bianchi owned up two days after his men had reached the semi-finals of the UEFA Cup after a tense extra-time struggle against Juventus.

Bianchi said: "We won and so did Milan in the Champions' Cup and Sampdoria in the Cup-winners' Cup. But the real winners on Wednesday night were Inter — because they are the league leaders, they are three points clear and they don't have to worry about Europe.

"Also, beating Juventus cost us so much effort and application; the same for Sampdoria, against Dinamo Bucharest; the same for Milan beating Werder Bremen. Now, Sampdoria's very next match is home to Inter.

"That's tough. They will find that you pay a heavy price for playing in Europe.

"It's a great feeling to have won a match like ours against Juventus, for example. But the stress takes years off your life.

"We will battle all the way in the UEFA Cup, in the league and in the Italian cup. We desperately want to win the treble.

"But I must admit that Trapattoni has everything going for him in the championship."

Bianchi was proved right. The following Sunday Sampdoria lost 1-0 at home to Inter who stretched their lead to four points as Napoli were held 1-1 by Lazio.

"Napoli's consolation was the return to form of Brazilian centre-forward Careca, who had been dropped briefly after a snag over his new contract had threatened to escalate into major trouble.

In fact, the trouble blew over as quickly as the cross with which Careca laid on Alessandro Renica's winning goal against Juventus.

No country has ever achieved a European treble of Champions' Cup, Cup-winners' Cup and UEFA/Fairs' Cup all in the same season.

But the treble chance is a real possibility for Italy thanks to Napoli, Milan and Sampdoria. Already one indirect benefit of their success is in view: there could be no fewer than eight Italian teams competing in next season's European club events.

The eight would be Inter (champions) and Milan (as holders) in the Champions' Cup; Sampdoria

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ITALY . . . by KEIR RADNEDGE

(prospective winners) and Napoli (prospective Italian cup-winners) in the Cup-winners' Cup; and the first four teams in the championship (excluding all the previously-named clubs).

Milan took a club record £1.2 million from their home quarter-final against Werder Bremen in the Champions' Cup.

As for Napoli, the passionate devotion of the San Paolo faithful has so far meant a staggering £4.3 million in stadium receipts alone from four rounds of the UEFA Cup — never mind television and advertising fees.

No wonder they can afford to keep Diego Maradona happy.

So to the other side of the UEFA Cup coin: what about Juventus after their failure in Naples and their week-in, week-out disappointments in the league?

The knives are starting to come out for coach Dino Zoff. President Giampiero Boniperti complained about Sigi Kirschen, the East German referee who handled the quarter-final against Napoli.

Boniperti said: "I do not believe what I see any more. Three times in three years the referees have disallowed vital goals in Europe.

"The first was against Real Madrid in 1986, then against Panathinaikos in 1987, then against Napoli this time."

Juventus are being strongly linked with Enzo Francescoli, the Uruguayan still unhappily esconced at Racing Paris.

He is not the only target despite the recent form revival of the little Portuguese forward, Rui Barros, who scored both goals in a 2-1 win away to Cesena.

That victory was not enough to prevent gentle speculation about the future of coach Zoff.

Kiev's Valeri Lobanovsky and the Yugoslav, Miroslav Blazevic, have both been touted as possible successors.

Neighbours Torino are showing signs of a slow revival of their own, under caretaker coach Claudio Sala.

Brazilian right winger Muller, homesick and anonymous early in the season, turned in a man-of-the-match show in a 4-3 win over Lazio which saw Torino's fellow import, Yugoslav Haris Skoro, score a goal at each end.

ITALIAN FOOTBALL'S RECORD RECEIPTS

Season	Competition	Match	Receipts
1987-88	Champions' Cup	Napoli-Real Madrid	£2.1m
1988-89	UEFA Cup	Napoli-Juventus	£1.7m
1988-89	League	Napoli-Inter	£1.6m
1987-88	League	Napoli-Milan	£1.4m
1988-89	League	Napoli-Milan	£1.36m
1987-88	League	Napoli-Juventus	£1.21m

NAPOLI'S 1988-89 UEFA CUP RECEIPTS

Round	Opposition	Attendance	Receipts
1st	PAOK Salonika	62,662	£1.01m
2nd	Lok Leipzig	53,442	£0.75m
3rd	Bordeaux	58,794	£0.87m
Qtr	Juventus	83,089	£1.7m

LEO RIDES HIGH

SPAIN . . . by KEIR RADNEDGE

LEO BEENHAKKER was the big individual winner as Real Madrid celebrated their Champions' Cup revenge victory over defending title-holders PSV Eindhoven.

Beenhakker has been offered virtually any job he likes with Madrid when his coaching contract expires at the end of the season.

He can stay as coach, he can step up to general manager or he can even propose some new role in the Spanish champions' hierarchy.

So much for all the paper talk that George Graham and/or John Toshack have got the job sewn up!

Beenhakker is taking his time, well aware that a disastrous mistake would pull the offer from beneath him — but aware also that success in the Champions' Cup which is Madrid's priority would double his market value.

Already Beenhakker is riding high. The victory over PSV Eindhoven, of course, earned him extra kudos back in his native Holland and the semi-final pairing against Milan is providing his name and track record with high-focus publicity in Italy.

And Beenhakker is no way riding on the back on his players' achievements: against PSV he took one of the most brilliant gambles of his career in dropping Emilio Butragueno to substitute for the second leg in the Estadio Bernabeu.

Beenhakker knew the risk he was taking. Butragueno has turned in any number of starring roles in European competition in front of the Madrid aficionados.

If Madrid had failed in their semi-final quest, then the clamour of public and player resentment would have forced Beenhakker out.

But Beenhakker knew what he was about. He had realised, too late, after Madrid's defeat by PSV last season, that veteran rightback Eric Gerets was a vital cog in PSV's attacking system.

So Beenhakker omitted Butragueno and included winger Paco Llorente to keep Gerets tied down.

In the wake of victory Butragueno's situation did receive a passing mention. But if anyone questioned Beenhakker's command in the past, no-one questions it now.

Spain's hopes of a European treble, of course, evaporated when Real Sociedad lost on penalty to Stuttgart in the UEFA Cup.

But Johan Cruyff's Barcelona, their league pursuit of Madrid dented by a surprise 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Osasuna, are following their footsteps in Europe.

Gary Lineker's first-leg goal was just enough to beat the Danes of Aarhus in the quarter-finals of the Cup-winners' Cup, but Barsa did not find victory as easy as their fans expected.

The Danes stood up defiantly in an almost-empty Nou Camp for the second leg. The Catalan faithful had written off the match as a walkover and this over-confidence, plus live television transmission, kept the attendance down to 7,000, the lowest-ever in the stadium's 32 years.

An element of that overconfidence got through to the players and Barsa were lucky, seven minutes from time, when Andersen, suddenly clear in front of goal, fluffed his shot so Andoni Zubizarreta could save the day.

Barcelona now go east for the semi-finals to face CFKA Sredets of Bulgaria.

If they win that they will then go back to that most haunting venue, the Wankdorf stadium in Bern, for the final.

It was there, in 1961, that Barcelona's overwhelming favourites were beaten 3-2 by Benfica in a memorable Champions' Cup Final.

Bern will stage this season's Final after a late switch by UEFA, who realised that Lausanne — their original choice — would be unable to cope with a prospective tie between Barcelona and Sampdoria or holders Mechelen.

While Spain's Big Two continue with their foreign coaches (Beenhakker and Cruyff) Atletico Madrid are preparing to part company with their own latest import, Colin Addison.

He will be succeeded at the end of the season (assuming he gets that far, which is far from secure) by Javier Clemente, whose diatribe about boardroom blunders at struggling Espanol finally engineered his sacking.

Clemente is not afraid of working with Atletico's controversial president Jesus Gil.

Clemente says: "He wants the same thing I do: to make Atletico the champions of Spain. I have signed a contract for one year only.

"But the one thing I am sure of, is that if I leave before my time is up I will do so the same way I left Espanol and, before that, Bilbao: with a clear conscience."

Espanol reacted to Clemente's sacking by scrapping their way to a 1-0 home victory over Bilbao.

Alex scored the 23rd-minute winner to put a smile on the face of caretaker manager Jose Mauri.

But Espanol are still down there in the relegation zone. Murcia, Betis, Malaga and Cadiz are survival rivals but there appears no hope left for Elche.

Ladislao Kubala's men are five points adrift of the rest of the field.

Top scorer continues to be Atletico Madrid's Baltazar.

When he opened the scoring in Atletico's 3-0 win over Malaga he was recording his 24th goal of the season and appears well placed to end Hugo Sanchez's four-year domination of the scoring charts.

The little Mexican is current runner-up, with 18 goals. Then come Julio Salinas (Barcelona) with 13, Pedro Uralde (Bilbao) with 11 and Jose Baquero (Barcelona), Amarildo (Celta) and Michel (Real Madrid) all with 10.

In the second division the 'third' Madrid team, Rayo Vallecano, lead the way thanks to the revival inspired by their imaginative acquisition (on loan) of Hugo Maradona, younger brother of Diego.

YORATH DISTURBS PEACE IN VALLEYS

WALES. . . by NICK GIBBS

TERRY YORATH'S abrupt departure from Swansea City to Bradford City disturbed the peaceful waters of Welsh football.

Following the sacking of Terry Dolan, the manager's chair at Valley Parade was vacant. Yorath, whose family home is in Yorkshire, was a player and assistant manager at Bradford.

The opportunity to return to the club was too good to miss.

Swansea chairman Doug Sharpe had other ideas. He regarded Bradford's interest in Yorath as an illegal approach and alleged it was a breach of the 'gentleman's agreement' between Football League chairmen about poaching managers.

Yorath's Vetch Field contract was not due to expire until the end of the season.

Such was the war of words between the two clubs that at one stage, according to one national newspaper, Sharpe threatened to prevent Yorath travelling to Tel Aviv with the Welsh national team because of his apparent breach of contract.

Swansea, leading contenders for promotion from the English Third Division, have (including Yorath) had 13 managers since the war.

The Welsh club spoke of attempting to make a compensation claim against Bradford on the basis of their form for the rest of the season.

No-one disputes Swansea's right to compensation but the clubs disagree over the amount.

Swansea believe they are entitled to £250,000 for the loss of Yorath's services; Bradford, needless to say, think the sum should be much lower.

From Yorath's point of view, the move was ideal. His family home is in Leeds and Bradford were content to allow him to remain in his part-time capacity as Welsh team manager.

During a period of turmoil that included hearings in the High Court, Yorath took Wales to Tel Aviv for a friendly against Israel.

It should have been a nice break for the manager considering the problems at home but the match proved to be a nightmare for Yorath, who fielded a team without the unavailable Ian Rush.

Peter Nicholas was recalled to the team to complete ten years of international service; Clayton Blackmore was forced to play in midfield; Mark Bowen started a match for the first time; and, in goal, Andy Dibble was given a game.

Wales made a disastrous start and were 0-2 down within eight minutes. However, Horne halved the deficit by the break and an own goal from Abaroni just before the hour levelled the scores.

The Welsh fell behind again in the 73rd minute and their blushes were spared only by Malcolm Allen's equaliser three minutes from time.

Their performance needs to be dramatically improved for the friendly against Sweden and the World Cup qualifier with West Germany.

Cardiff City have been upset by the Welsh FA's decision to stage the money-spinning West Germany game at Cardiff Arms Park, the home of Welsh rugby.

While Cardiff were angered at being snubbed, Welsh football lamented the demise of Newport County, who were officially wound-up in the High Court with debts of over £126,000.

Newport were formed in 1912 and joined the English Football League for the 1920-21 season.

Most of their history was spent in Divisions Three and Four, save for the 1931-32 season, when they were not re-elected to the league, and 1946-47, when they spent one campaign in the Second Division.

BOBBY ROBSON. . . facing the pres

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by DERICK ALLSOP

PERHAPS it was merely the calm before the next storm but on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 8, the skies over Bobby Robson's England suddenly cleared.

The 2-0 win in Albania gave England the leadership of the World Cup qualifying Group Two and their beleaguered manager the breathing space he needed.

With the critics off his back — temporarily at least — Robson was able to assess his strategy and his options for the forthcoming Wembley matches, the return against Albania on April 26 and the potentially crucial encounter with Poland on June 3.

The climate was right, in fact, for an entire nation of experts to take stock and for FA chairman Bert Millichip to reveal the dilemma he would have faced had Robson thrown in the towel.

Millichip said: "Had our manager cracked and given notice, who were we supposed to appoint?

"Like any other credible candidate, Graham Taylor and Terry Venables are under contract to Aston Villa and Tottenham respectively.

"The earliest any realistic replacement might have become available would have been in the summer.

"So we would have been left with no alternative but to upgrade either Don Howe or Dave Sexton from within Bobby's own staff — and they both have other responsibilities.

"Thank heaven we won and can proceed to Italy in a sensible manner."

Howe, Robson's right hand man, has a similar role alongside Bobby Gould at Wimbledon. Sexton is both manager of England's under-21 team and director of the School of Excellence.

Robson, not for the first time, was grateful for the prowess of his remarkable captain Bryan Robson, who got up from his sickbed to lead his country by example.

The 32-year-old midfield player, skippering England for the 50th time, was at his tackling, covering, raiding best and headed the second goal that stifled any threat of an Albanian recovery — all this in spite of the effects of food poisoning.

Manager Robson said: "Bryan was in doubt until a couple of hours before the kick-off.

"But if we had lost the game and I had lost my job, can you imagine any manager who took over leaving Bryan out at any time in the next two years?

"He's bought me a little time now to complete the rebuilding of our team around our Captain Marvel."

So what of the rest of that team? Peter Shilton, 40 in September, justified his continued inclusion with some splendid goalkeeping, particularly during a first-half spell when Albania were at their most menacing.

Shilton may be a little beyond his of the rest in England. It was a point proved, and savoured, by Robson.

He said: "I hope that performance has dealt with the critics.

"Two of his saves were super — and it was vital he made those

IRELAND'S HOPES

by MICK DUNNE

THE Republic of Ireland enhanced their chances of an appearance in next year's World Cup finals by taking a point from their clash with Bertalan Bicskei's Hungary in the Nep Stadium in Budapest last month.

With four home games to come, plus an excursion to Malta in November, Jack Charlton's side must fancy their chances of qualification.

Charlton, not surprisingly, opted for containment in Budapest and the significance of this away point for Ireland is that it was gained without too much difficulty against a Hungarian side that, before the match, were considered to be the main threat to Irish prospects of joining Spain as qualifiers from Group Six.

The Spaniards travel to Dublin on April 26 and it is likely that this will be the Republic's toughest game.

Charlton, however, is far from convinced that Luis Suarez's team are invincible.

"Everyone's saying how good they are but they've yet to be put under real pressure and that's something we're good at doing at Lansdowne Road," said Charlton.

"I saw them play their first away game against Malta and though they had it pretty easy, there were some moments when they looked less comfortable."

Neither does he read too much into Spain's recent 2-0 win over Northern Ireland in Belfast.

"Northern Ireland have had their problems from the very start of this group — it was nothing like what Spain will have to deal with at Lansdowne Road," said Charlton.

One big concern for the Irish manager is having his full squad available for the game.

"That's always a problem and this time there are league matches on the weekend before the game."

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CHARLTON STAYS AS MANAGER

IRISH REPUBLIC. . . by SEAN CREEDON

SPONSORS Opel and manager Jack Charlton are both staying with the Republic of Ireland.

Opel, who have backed the Republic since Jack took over three years ago, were quick to negotiate a new contract 17 months before the current one ends.

In a new deal worth half a million pounds to the FAI, the car manufacturers will now sponsor the Republic until the 1994 World Cup Finals.

Nobody knows exactly how long Big Jack will stay, but the general feeling is that he will continue until he starts to get hassle.

Jack has had a gentleman's agreement with the FAI for the past three years and both parties recently agreed to extend that arrangement for a further three.

Apart from his fee from the FAI, Charlton is in great demand with companies in Ireland wishing to use his name for advertising.

Charlton has taken a fair bit of criticism from the Irish press for his treatment of David O'Leary, his perseverance with Mick McCarthy and recently the omission of Liam Brady.

But, as he says himself, he does not live in Ireland and can avoid reading the Irish papers.

However, after the recent scoreless draw in Budapest, three players — Aldridge, Cascarino and Brady — all defended themselves in print.

Charlton has made the Republic a formidable outfit, but what worries everybody in Ireland is that they are not scoring goals.

Since Ronnie Whelan's spectacular volley against the USSR in Hannover last June, the only goals scored in the six games that have followed were in the 4-0 friendly win over Tunisia last October.

On April 26, the Republic meet Spain, the first of four consecutive home games which could give the Irish enough points to qualify for next year's World Cup Finals.

The Republic have not beaten Spain since 1965, but a full house at Lansdowne Road will demand two points on this occasion, in what will be the 21st meeting between the countries.

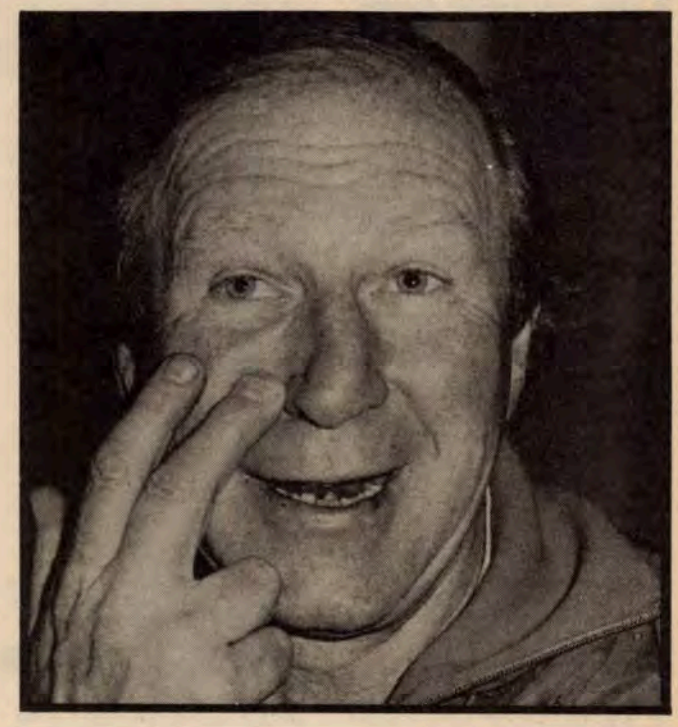
The PFAI are not happy with the policy of some League of Ireland clubs, who are giving the league a 'Dad's Army' image by signing ageing English league players.

They will be seeking a change in the rules at the league's AGM in June.

This policy has been going on for years and the latest imports have been John Hollins to Cobh Ramblers and Frank Worthington, who has linked up with his one-time Bolton colleague Seamus McDonagh at Galway.

The PFAI say these short-term signings do little for the image of the game in Ireland and these clubs will have to turn to local talent to try and get them out of the relegation zone.

JACK CHARLTON. . . new deal.



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stops during the period we were pressurised."

Robson can also be satisfied with the performance of Arsenal's David Rocastle on the right.

He had an outstanding first-half and played a significant part in the build-up to the first goal, scored by John Barnes.

Nottingham Forest's midfield player Neil Webb was a steady, if unspectacular, partner to Robson; his team-mate Des Walker grew in confidence at the back; and Barnes provided the cross for the second goal.

There were, however, less convincing aspects of England's game and these will doubtless be occupying the manager's mind in the coming weeks.

Terry Butcher was unusually vulnerable at the heart of the defence but that may be down, quite simply, to an off-day.

He remains England's most capable player for that position and ought to form an effective partnrship with Walker.

The full-back situation causes greater anxiety. Gary Stevens, on the right, looks ill at ease and Stuart Pearce, on the left, though more assured defensively, tends to be careless distributing the ball and at international level, that can be fatal.

The gravest problem for Robson is in attack, where Gary Lineker is just a shadow of the 1986 World Cup goalscoring hero.

His miss, after accepting Bryan Robson's pass and rounding the keeper, typified his miserable international season.

Lineker's sidekick in Tirana was Chris Waddle, brought in from the wings and attempting to reproduce his Tottenham form. Alas, for player and country, the experiment failed.

An indifferent surface didn't help Waddle, in particular, but apart from his chest down in the move for the first goal, his most significant contribution was a run down the flank.

Not surprisingly, both strikers were substituted and their replacements, Alan Smith and Peter Beardsley, almost produced a third goal.

Robson must now decide whether either, or both, should be in the starting line-up next time.

The four goals from the last two matches have been shared by Barnes and Robson, a fact that underlines England's biggest weakness.

If Robson the manager cannot find a solution, the hounds are sure to be back.

On the domestic front, Liverpool was the scene of a family squabble worthy of any tatty soap opera.

Bob Paisley, who has been associated with Anfield for 50 years and, during a nine-year reign, was the most successful manager in English football, offered his resignation as a director after the publication of controversial articles in a national newspaper.

The articles, which appeared under Paisley's name, were critical of current manager Kenny Dalglish and seven of his players. Paisley maintained his comments had been misrepresented.

Liverpool's hierarchy met for more than three-and-a-half hours to consider the articles and Paisley's offer of resignation. They emerged to reprimand him but revealed he would be staying with the club.

Paisley said: "This is the saddest day of my life in football. after this, how could I look the lads at the club in the eye again."

He found a way the following evening when he walked into the dressing room and apologised to the players, who beat Charlton 2-0 in a league match.

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emerged that Toni is being stood down.

Sven-Goran Eriksson, the Swedish coach who was such a success at Benfica between 1982 and 1984, is to return from Italy.

Eriksson left Benfica in 1984 for Roma and then moved onto Fiorentina.

His decision to leave the Florence club is a great disappointment to the Pontello family, who own Fiorentina.

Eriksson says that he has yet to sign a formal contract with Benfica, but he has "a verbal agreement."

As for Toni, it is likely that he will revert to the No 2 role in which this loyal club servant had happily served for years before he was promoted in the middle of last year for an extended caretakership after the removal of Ebbe Skovdahl.

Since there is never two without three, to quote the old cliche, Sporting are following the examples of Porto and Benefica and looking back into their coaching past.

The sacking of Pedro Rocha was followed by a short coaching interregnum under ex-goalkeeper Vitor Damas. Now president Jorge Goncalves has appointed Manuel Jose as boss to the end of the season.

Jose was previously in charge at Sporting in 1987 when they scored a shock 7-1 win over Benfica in the Lisbon derby.

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OBITUARY

HILARIO Marrero, considered one of the finest players produced by the Canary Islands, has died aged 83. Hilario was a star in Spanish football in the early 1930s when he played for La Coruna and then Real Madrid. He played twice for Spain, in the seven-goal Highbury thrashing by England in 1931 and then against France four years later. Later he was coach to La Coruna — where he guided the early steps of Amancio — and worked at Racing Ferrol before going home to UD Las Palmas as technical secretary. Later, however, he was forced to earn a living as a taxi driver.

Hans SOBEK, one of the leading Berlin footballers inbetween the wars, has died aged 88. Sobek, an inside right, played 10 times for Germany between 1923 and 1931 and his club football with Alemannia Berlin and Hertha BSC.

Alex THEPOT, goalkeeper for France in the first-ever World Cup match (a 4-1 win over Mexico in Montevideo in 1930), has died aged 83. Thepot played 30 times for his country between 1927 and 1935 — his international career surviving the potential traumatic debut when Thepot was the butt of a 6-0 thrashing by England at the old Stade Colombes in Paris. Thepot's club football was played out with Brest, Levallois and Red Star Paris and he was national manager briefly in 1959.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

ACTION: In the South American club cup, an all-Uruguayan tie in group five sees Danubio beat Penarol 4-1 in Montevideo, thanks to a hat-trick from Ruben Pereira.

FRANCE: Marseille go top of the table. A late goal from Bruno Germain brings them a 1-0 win over struggling Laval and gives them goal advantage over Paris Saint-Germain, who are held goalless — for the second successive week — by third-placed Auxerre.

SPAIN: Barcelona are held 1-1 by Valencia, though their rivals are reduced to ten men midway through the second half after the expulsion of Jon Garcia. Julio Salinas scores Barcelona's goal.

WEST GERMANY: A late goal from Olaf Thon enables Bayern Munich to snatch a 2-2 draw away to struggling Eintracht Frankfurt and stay four points clear of Koln and Werder Bremen at the top.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

ACTION: Thailand beat Bangladesh 1-0 in the World Cup qualifiers in Bangkok . . . in the World Youth Cup in Saudi Arabia the hosts are beaten again, this time 1-0 by Czechoslovakia. The Soviet Union qualify for the quarter-finals with a 1-0 defeat of Costa Rica and Brazil also secure a place in the last eight thanks to a 5-0 thrashing of Mali.

ARGENTINA: Boca Juniors, 4-0 winners over Deportivo Espanol, are now four points clear of Independiente at the top.

BELGIUM: Mechelen win 3-1 away to Beerschot to move three points ahead of Anderlecht, who are held goalless at Charleroi.

BRAZIL: Bahia of Salvador become surprise national champions as they hold Internacional goalless in Porto Alegre and secure the title on a 2-1 aggregate.

FRANCE: Bordeaux slip further down the table after a 3-2 defeat at Strasbourg, despite a debut goal from on-loan striker Eric Cantona.

GREECE: The referees go ahead with their protest strike to halt play in all divisions of the Greek league. Referees' union officials call for a life ban on players involved in the midweek attack on referee Nikos Hrysanis.

HOLLAND: PSV Eindhoven return to their old form with a 5-2 thrashing of VVV Venlo which lifts them five points clear of Ajax, who lose 3-2 at Sparta Rotterdam.

ITALY: Marco Van Basten scores both goals and is then sent off as Milan win 2-0 away to Fiorentina. Leaders Inter beat Ascoli 3-1 at home but pursuers Napoli drop a point as they are held 1-1 away to Atalanta. Biggest win of the day is Sampdoria's 5-1 beating of last-but-one Torino. Roberto Mancini scores two of the goals.

PORTUGAL: Benfica win 2-0 away to Farense and go five points out in front of Porto, who drop veteran spearhead Fernando Gomes on disciplinary grounds, and are then held goalless away to Maritimo.

SAUDI ARABIA: FIFA president Joao Havelange says in Riyadh, where he is attending the World Youth Cup, that he intends to make proposals about increasing African and Asian representation at the World Cup finals.

SPAIN: Real Madrid force a 1-1 draw away to Real Sociedad to stay a point clear of Barcelona with one game (the abandoned match against Osasuna) in hand. Rafael Martin Vazquez scores for Madrid in San Sebastian in the 32nd minute, with Juan Antonio Goicoechea equalising. Baltazar increases his goals total for the season to 22 as he scores both Atletico Madrid goals in their 2-0 win over Sevilla.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

ACTION: Portugal beat Nigeria 1-0 in a first round match as the World Youth Cup continues in Saudi Arabia. Nigeria have two players sent off and three booked . . . in the South American club cup Universitario beat Boca Juniors 1-0 in Lima thanks to a 33rd-minute goal from Yanez.

ENGLAND: The ID cards legislation hits an immediate setback as the House of Lords votes, by a majority of just three, that smaller clubs should be allowed to phase in the scheme. Before the debate a delegation, including old heroes Tom Finney, Nat Lofthouse, John Charles, Ivor Allchurch and Jack Kelsey, handed in letter of protest against the proposals. Signatories also included Tommy Lawton, Bobby and Jack Charlton, Jimmy Greaves, Joe Mercer and Raich Carter.

GREECE: Sunday's league programme goes ahead one day late because of the referees' national strike. Olympiakos beat Panionios 1-0 to stay ahead of AEK (2-1 winners away to Ethnikos) on goal difference. AEK secure victory thanks to a penalty save from their national team goalkeeper, Spiros Economopulos. It was his third penalty stop of the season.

ITALY: Veteran Swede Nils Liedholm is dismissed as coach by Roma and pushed into a consultant's role to see out the season and his contract. Liedholm is succeeded as coach by former youth chief Luciano Spinosi, once a fullback with Juventus . . . Milan deny rumours that coach Arrigo Sacchi has been sacked by president Silvio Berlusconi. Ruud Gullit says: "The players are right behind Sacchi."

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

ACTION: In the South American club cup there is an immediate rematch of the previous week's Brazilian championship final. Bahia are again the winners, defeating Internacional 2-1 away in Porto Alegre. Inter's goalscorer is Diego Aguirre, the Uruguayan thrown out of Greek football for drug-taking.

ITALY: National manager Azeglio Vicini says he is delighted at one of Italy's most unusual dilemmas, deciding which home-grown strikers to leave OUT of his team for the following day's friendly against Denmark.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

ACTION: Home-town victories in two European friendlies — Greece beating Norway 4-2 and Italy beating Denmark 1-0 . . . in the World Youth Cup in Riyadh Portugal are not too upset after crashing 3-0 to hosts Saudi Arabia since they had already qualified for the quarter-finals. The Saudi hosts still finish bottom of the group.

BELGIUM: The legal committee of the European parliament accept for study a resolution for debate which describes the common football transfer system as "a modern form of slavery."

BRAZIL: National boss Sebastiao Lazaroni names a squad of 23 home-based players for the friendly matches leading up to the South American championship in July. Bobo of Bahia is the only player added in since Lazaroni's first list was published in January.

FRANCE: Marseille increase their lead at the top when they beat bottom club Lens by 1-0. Substitute Patrice Eyraud, with an 85th-minute goal, is the hero. Long-term leaders Paris Saint-Germain are held 1-1 at home by Lille.

ITALY: In the first exchange of what could be an enormously damaging debate the Italian league demands compensation of £20million for lost income caused by work on stadia being made available for the European Cup final.

POLAND: Exiled midfielder Andrzej Rudy signs for West Germany's Koln, hoping for second time lucky. In December he was suspended indefinitely by FIFA when

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trying to complete a deal with Monaco despite the absence of transfer clearance from Warsaw.

SPAIN: Real Madrid put five goals past Gijon for the third time in a fortnight. This time they win 5-2 in a Spanish cup second round, second leg, tie. Madrid win 10-7 on aggregate. Hugo Sanchez scores two tonight. Barcelona and Atletico Madrid also reach the quarter-finals.

SWITZERLAND: The format for the 1992 European championship is revealed. Hosts Sweden and holders Holland (if they qualify) will head each of the two first-round groups. The tournament will run from June 10 to 26 and Liechtenstein are the only one of UEFA's 35 member states not to have entered. That means a first-ever senior competitive appearance for San Marino.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

ACTION: Iran beat Thailand 3-0 in Bangkok in the World Cup Asian section.

ITALY: Luca di Montezemolo, boss of Italy's World Cup organisation, says that the 1990 hosts will be ready despite all the political and financial problems which have delayed infrastucture work across the board, from stadia to autostrade.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

HOLLAND: PSV Eindhoven's Patrick Lodewijks says he is not worried about stepping in for Hans Van Breukelen in the Champions' Cup-tie against Real Madrid because "I have waited a long time for this opportunity."

PORTUGAL: Reinaldo Telles, general manager (football) of FC Porto, accuses Portuguese referees of "fabricating results" by consistently favouring the Lisbon clubs against the 1987 world and European champions.

SPAIN: Real Madrid president Ramon Mendoza announces that work will start in August on redeveloping the Estadio Bernabeu and the surrounding side in the Spanish capital's Paseo Castellano.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

ITALY: Milan president Silvio Berlusconi halts all speculation about the future of Arrigo Sacchi by introducing him to the players, at dinner, as "your new coach."

RUMANIA: Directors of Steaua Bucharest insist that runaway

BY KEIR RADNEDGE

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sweeper Miodrag Belodedici could still line up for them next week in the Champions' Cup against IFK Gothenburg if he changed his mind about seeking asylum in Yugoslavia and committing his playing future to Red Star Belgrade . . . officials of Dinamo Bucharest announce they will not be making available any tickets for the 500 Sampdoria fans who wish to travel for the Cup-winners' Cup quarter-final.

WEST GERMANY: Hamburg's veteran fullback, Manni Kaltz, equals Klaus Fichtel's record of 552 league games when he plays in a 2-2 draw away to Fichtel's old club, Borussia Dortmund. Two goals from Roland Wohlfarth bring leaders Bayern Munich a 3-2 win over Karlsruhe — who had knocked them out of the cup a few days earlier.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

ARGENTINA: Argentinos Juniors press their last-ditch title chase as they beat leaders Boca Juniors 4-3 and push up into second place in the table, level on points with Independiente and two behind Boca.

ENGLAND: Sports Minister Colin Moynihan criticises the FA's application for clubs to re-enter European competition.

HOLLAND: PSV Eindhoven maintain a five-point league lead with a 2-2 draw at Den Bosch. Romario (penalty) and Anton Jansson score for PSV. Second-placed Ajax are held 1-1 at home by Twente Enschede.

ITALY: Milan's stars celebrate coach Arrigo Sacchi's retention at the club by thrashing Pescara 6-1.

SPAIN: Another nap hand for Real Madrid. This time they thrash Betis 5-1. But there is a shock behind them as Barcelona crash 2-1 at home to Osasuna.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

ACTION: Bangladesh lose 2-1 at home to Iran in the World Cup Asian qualifiers. Bavi Karim (44 minutes) and Mohammad Hasan (55) score the goals.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Tax fraud and bribery form the basis of charges laid against 21 past and present players and three former officials of Bohemians Prague. The allegations concern a slush fund run between 1977 and 1987. Current stars implicated include captain Tomas Matejeck, forward Zdenek Valek and former internationals Tibor Micinec and Jiri Ondra.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

ACTION: China keep up the World Cup qualifying tension, winning 3-0 away to Thailand in Bangkok . . . Portugal surprisingly beat Brazil 1-0 in a World Youth Cup semi-final . . . in the UEFA Cup, Hearts beat Bayern Munich 1-0 in their quarter-final first leg; there is also a victory for Stuttgart (1-0 v Real Sociedad) while Victoria Bucharest are held 1-1 at home by Dresden.

AUSTRIA: Under-21 international Alex Sperr has to call off a proposed £275,000 transfer to Aston Villa after the Department of Employment refuse him a work permit. Villa manager Graham Taylor says: "They are taking a narrow view. This lad has 16 under-21 caps, has played three times for the Olympic team and is expected to get a full international call soon. Name me any defender in this country with those qualifications and whom I could get at that price."

ENGLAND: Sports Minister Colin Moynihan says it is "inconceivable" that UEFA should allow English clubs back into European competition next season without the Government's ID card legislation in place.

FRANCE: France manager Michel Platini calls up midfielder Daniel Bravo as a late replacement in his World Cup squad for injured Jose Toure of Monaco, who is to undergo a heel operation . . . Racing regain a little of their lost confidence with a 3-0 league beating of Lens.

HOLLAND: An Ajax Amsterdam spokesman says Denmark midfielder Soren Lerby has been ordered to pay £500,000 in back taxes to the Dutch financial authorities covering undeclared income between 1979 and 1983 . . . Ajax are offered £2million by French club Toulon in a joint bid for Dutch international forwards Rob Witschge and John Van't Schip.

ITALY: Fiorentina's Swedish coach, Sven-Goran Eriksson, says he expects "within a few weeks" to have decided whether to stay in Florence or return to Portugal with Benfica . . . Roma say they are ready to talk to Flamengo of Rio about the transfer home of unsettled midfielder Andrade.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

ACTION: The majority of the European club quarter-final first leg ties go ahead. In the top-of-the-range clash, Champions' Cup holders PSV Eindhoven are held 1-1 at home by Real Madrid. Cup-winners' Cup holders Mechelen are happy with a goalless draw away to Eintracht Frankfurt and, in the UEFA Cup, the all-Italian meeting ends in a surprise 2-0 home victory for Juventus over Napoli . . . Colo-Colo of Chile beat Sol of Paraguay 3-1 in a South American club cup meeting in Santiago. Salgado (two) and Espinoza score the Colo-Colo goals . . . in a friendly in England, league title challengers Norwich are easily beaten 2-0 in front of their own fans by Moscow Dynamo.

ENGLAND: A police swoop in the Bolton area ends in the arrest of 26 fans in connection with alleged football-linked offences of riot, violent disorder and malicious wounding.

ITALY: Glenn Stromberg of Atalanta and Nicola Berti of Internazionale are both banned for one match by the Italian league disciplinary commission.

SWITZERLAND: Jacques Georges, president of UEFA, dampens English optimism over an imminent return to European club competition. He says that the new re-entry application "does not have very good chances." Georges adds: "This is more an internal English affair than an English-European matter."

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

DENMARK: Aarhus agree terms of a £250,000 transfer to Newcastle of central defender Bjorn Kristensen. Completion must wait, however, until after Aarhus's quarter-final Cup-winners' Cup second leg against Barcelona.

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FRANCE: Mark Hateley undergoes an operation on an ankle injured in a Wednesday night collision with Zoran Simovic in Monaco's Champions' Cup home defeat by Galatasaray. An English report links Monaco with Barcelona's Gary Lineker.

HOLLAND: Feyenoord defender Kenneth Monkou joins English second division leaders Chelsea for £100,000.

SAUDI ARABIA: Rumours about age-limit cheating grow ever more insistent on the eve of the World Youth Cup Final in Riyadh between Portugal and Nigeria. Iraq are generally rumoured to be suspect. FIFA president Joao Havelange says, however, that bone structure X-ray techniques are not secure enough to be brought into play.

SCOTLAND: Rangers appoint a new chief executive in former TV boss Alan Montgomery while also celebrating a coverage deal with British Satellite Broadcasting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

ACTION: Portugal are new World Youth Cup holders. They beat Nigeria 2-0 in Riyadh thanks to goals from Abel Silva (44 minutes) and Jorge Couto (77 minutes). In the third-place match Brazil beat the United States 2-0 . . . in the South American club cup Sol of Paraguay meet defeat again in Chile, falling this time to Cobreloa by 1-0 in Calama . . . another Anglo-Russian success for Moscow Dynamo, who beat Derby 1-0 at the Baseball Ground.

BELGIUM: Michel Preud'homme, star Mechelen goalkeeper who has been linked with Real Madrid and FC Porto (among others), signs a new five-year contract with the Belgian holders of the Cup-winners' Cup.

FRANCE: Veteran skipper Jean Tigana is forced by a thigh strain to join the injury victims forced to pull

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out of the all-important World Cup qualifying visit to Hampden to play Scotland.

ITALY: Careca, lately embroiled in uncertainty over his new contract with Napoli, is the subject of a £3.2million provisional offer from Milan, who are worried that Marco Van Basten may insist on being released for sale to Barcelona at the end of the season.

SAUDI ARABIA: FIFA president Joao Havelange says in Riyadh that the homeless 'Palestinian Football Association' had been invited to Zurich for talks about FIFA membership. The meeting follows last year's creation of a Palestinian national team for a short low-level tour of Italy and France.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

ACTION: In the World Cup Asian qualifiers China beat Bangladesh 2-0 in Dhaka with goals from Wang Baushan and Ma Li . . . crisis-hit French club Bordeaux beat Tottenham 2-1 in a White Hart Lane friendly. Ex-Spurs striker Clive Allen scores the winner.

EAST GERMANY: Dynamo Dresden are held goalless at home by Magdeburg but still lead champions BFC Dynamo Berlin and Hansa Rostock by seven points.

ENGLAND: An all-embracing federation-by-federation survey in The Times reveals a massive European majority in favour of a return of English clubs to the European competitions.

FRANCE: A third player drops out of the Hampden-bound French World Cup squad. This time, after Daniel Bravo and Jean Tigana, it is William Prunier of Auxerre who withdraws because of a sprained ankle.

PORTUGAL: Benfica beat struggling Fafe 4-0 thanks to two goals from veteran Diamantino.

SPAIN: Barcelona win away to Gijon for the first time in 15 years. Goals from Raul Garcia and Aitor Beguiristain provide a 2-0 victory.

TURKEY: Fenerbahce edge one point clear of Besiktas at the top. Ridvan and Aykut score two goals apiece as Fenerbahce thrash Trabzonspor 5-1 while Besiktas are held 1-1 away to Boluspor.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich extend their unbeaten league run to 20 games as they beat Stuttgart 2-1 and stay five points clear of Koln. Johnny Ekstrom scores an 80th-minute winner.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

ACTION: Israel open their World Cup account with a 1-0 victory over New Zealand in Tel-Aviv. Ronnie Rosenthal scores the only goal in the eighth minute. But the Iran v Thailand qualifier in Tehran is called off when the Thais fail to turn up, blaming "flight problems."

ARGENTINA: Boca Juniors, 2-0 winners over Deportivo Mandiyu, are now five points clear of Independiente, Argentinos Juniors and Gimnasia y Esgrima.

BULGARIA: The league returns to life after the winter break with CFKA Sredets beating Dunav Rousse 3-0 to maintain their eight-point lead over Vitosha.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Champions Sparta remain way out in front, beating Skoda Plzen 4-1 to extend their lead over Banik Ostrava from three points to four as Banik are held 1-1 away to Dukla Banska Bystrica.

GREECE: AEK beat Doxa Drama 2-1 to push a point in front of Olympiakos at the top of the table. Olympiakos are held 1-1 by old rivals Panathinaikos. Lajos Detari puts Olympiakos in front with a 15th-minute penalty but Panathinaikos snatch a point thanks to a second-half equaliser from Christos Dimopulos.

HOLLAND: PSV Eindhoven illustrate the gulf between Europe's mainstream and the general level in Holland by following their 1-1 home draw against Real Madrid by thrashing Willem II 7-0. Ronald Koeman, Romario and Jules Ellerman all score twice. Ajax slip to six points adrift as they are held goalless away to Roda and have Sweden's Stefan Pettersson sent off.

ITALY: A 56th-minute goal from Nicola Berti brings leaders Inter a 1-0 home win over Verona. Pursuers Napoli, who use disgruntled striker Careca only as a second-half substitute, draw 0-0 with Pescara. Diego Maradona has four stitches inserted in a cut mouth and threatens to take legal action against Pescara's Giampiero Gasperini, whom he accuses of assault. A 24th-minute goal from Marco Van Basten earns champions Milan a 1-1 draw away to Lazio.

PORTUGAL: Benfica, having won the previous night, see their rivals continue to fall away. Second-placed Porto are held 1-1 in Lisbon by Belenenses while Sporting lose 2-0 away to Boavista. Viseu, bottom of the table, crash 5-1 at home to Braga and sack coach Fernando Cabrita.

RUMANIA: League action resumes after the winter break but with no change at the top. Steaua thrash Tirgu Mures 7-0 but their goal difference is still inferior to leaders Dinamo, who win 2-0 away to Otelul Galati.

SPAIN: Real Madrid struggle to a 1-0 victory over Oviedo, coached by one-time Madrid fullback Vicente Miera. Manuel Sanchis heads the only goal on the hour from a Bernd Schuster corner. Atletico Madrid slip from third to fourth in the league as a result of their 2-0 away defeat at Cadiz.

YUGOSLAVIA: Vojvodina win 4-2 on penalties after a goalless draw away to Hajduk Split and now lead Rad Belgrade by only one point.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

EAST GERMANY: Hooligan trouble during a game against BFC Dynamo Berlin on February 24 brings a fine for Chemie Halle plus a warning that further trouble would mean a ground suspension. Fans had forced a temporary halt in play by throwing firebombs onto the pitch after Dynamo had gone 4-1 ahead.

ITALY: Fiorentina coach Sven-Goran Eriksson announces that he will be returning to Benfica at the end of the season. He says: "I haven't signed a contract yet but the president and I have a verbal agreement." Nils Liedholm, pushed sideways at Roma, is considered an early front-runner for the job . . . Napoli officials deny problems with Careca, who remains their 12-goal top scorer.

WALES: Kidderminster beat Hereford 1-0 in the first leg of the all-English final of the Welsh Cup.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

ACTION: In European under-21 action England win 2-0 against Albania in Shkodra, Greece beat East Germany 2-1 in Athens, and Scotland are beaten 3-2 in Dundee by France . . . in the South American club cup Sol of Paraguay beat Colo-Colo 1-0 in Asuncion and Boca Juniors beat fellow Argentines Racing 3-2. In Montevideo an all-Uruguayan clash sees Penarol beat Danubio 2-0 with both goals coming in the second half from Carlos Aguilera.

BRAZIL: National manager Sebastiao Lazaroni begins a training camp with his home-based squad members.

FRANCE: President Mitterand meets FIFA president Joao Havelange for discussions about French hopes of winning the right to stage the 1998 World Cup finals. Havelange says later he is impressed by Mitterand's enthusiasm for the project and his knowledge of football. France are front-runners, according to Havelange, who says: "France currently has the best conditions to obtain the 1998 finals despite serious opposition from Switzerland, Morocco and Brazil."

SWITZERLAND: Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, former West German national skipper and superstar, announces he will retire from playing when his contract with Servette lapses in June.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

ACTION: A good day's work for the British and Irish World Cup hopefuls. Scotland win 2-0 at home to France, England win 2-0 in Albania and the Irish Republic hold Hungary goalless in Budapest. In the Asian section Bangladesh beat Thailand 3-1 in Dhaka. In international friendlies, Greece beat East Germany 3-2 in Athens and Colombia beat World Cup-holders Argentina 1-0 in Barranquilla.

HOLLAND: New problems at management level within the Dutch game. The entire board of the KNVB resigns under pressure over the loss recorded on the 1988 European championship effort.

ITALY: The Green Party says it will oppose a Bill seeking to secure £1.6 billion in grants for infrastructure work relating to Italy's 1990 staging of the World Cup finals. The Greens say the Bill, presented by the governing Christian Democrat and Socialist coalition provides only minimal supervision regulations on contract awards . . . a Milan spokesman says that serious talking

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will begin next month on contract renewals for Ruud Gullit and Marco Van Basten.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

GREECE: Olympiakos sack Polish coach Jacek Gmoch after increasing speculation that he was at loggerheads over tactics with several players, including Hungarian Lajos Detari. Aide Giogos Papamalis steps in as caretaker.

ITALY: Juventus step up efforts to rival Roma for the signature of Racing Paris' Uruguayan star, Enzo Francescoli.

SOVIET UNION: Kiev star Igor Belanov, former European Footballer of the Year, says that transfer negotiations with Italy's Genoa and Atalanta, interrupted last summer, have been resumed.

TURKEY: Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal announces that he will travel to Cologne to support Galatasaray in their Champions' Cup quarter-final return against Monaco. He will, as a sideline, meet West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl on the way.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

ACTION: In the World Cup Asian section, Syria beat North Yemen 1-0.

ITALY: Upset at leaders Inter where president Ernesto Pellegrini has to move quickly to calm ruffled feathers among his players following an interview in which general secretary Giuliano says that the club are close to a transfer agreement for Kiev stars Mikhailichenko and Protasov.

PORTUGAL: Sporting reappoint Manuel Jose as coach until the end of the season. Manuel Jose was the coach who, two years ago, plotted Sporting's sensational 7-1 victory over deadly rivals Benfica but was later sacked amid controversy.

SPAIN: Arsenal manager George Graham is reported to be top of Real Madrid's wanted list if Leo Beenhakker decides he does not want to renew his coaching contract at the end of the season.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA's appeal committee reduces by £20,000 the fine imposed on Internazionale for smoke bombs and fireworks thrown before, during and after the UEFA Cup third round second leg against Bayern Munich. Inter's total fines bill for that match is now 'down' to £85,000. The club did not appeal against fines for in-stadium video

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transmission of incidents in the match, nor did Inter contest the fine for the players' ungentlemanly conduct in defeat. Bayern also obtain a fines reduction on player misbehaviour charges.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

FRANCE: Nasty affairs in the French league where six players are sent off, including Amoros and Ferratge of Monaco in the champions' 1-1 draw against Riviera derby rivals Nice.

SPAIN: Real Madrid return to goal-storming form, winning 4-1 away to Zaragoza with two goals from Hugo Sanchez, one from Schuster and one from Losada. Second-placed Barcelona beat Real Sociedad by the same score, Gary Lineker collecting a goal and — on his substitution — an ovation.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA sources admit that serious consideration is being given to switching the venue for the Cup-winners' Cup final from Lausanne to Bern. UEFA have already advised that the Lausanne stadium's optimistic 38,000 capacity should be trimmed to 27,000 for the final.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich go rolling on, this time beating Hamburg 1-0 before a 54,000 home crowd thanks to a goal from Jurgen Wegmann. Koln remain second thanks to a 3-2 win over Eintracht Frankfurt. Koln's Thomas Allofs remains the league's leading scorer, adding another against Frankfurt to take his total to 15.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

ACTION: Australia beat New Zealand 4-1 in the World Cup Oceania second round.

HOLLAND: Czechoslovak international Josef Chovanec scores his first goal for PSV in the 2-1 win over Veendam. Romario scores the other.

ITALY: Four of the nine first division games end in draws. But Inter win 3-0 away to troubled Roma, Napoli win 1-0 at home to Cesena and Milan run up a surprisingly easy 4-0 victory over Juventus. Tricella (own goal), Evani and Mannari (two) score the goals which raise speculation over the coaching future of Juve boss Dino Zoff.

SWEDEN: The Soviet exodus spreads to Sweden. Norrkoping and GAIS Gothenburg agree terms for the respective transfers of Igor Ponomarev (from Nefchi Baku) and Viktor Kluhs (Kiev Dynamo).

LEAGUE TABLES

YUGOSLAVIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vojvodina	20	10	5	0	5	28	19 25
Rad	20	8	6	1	5	25	16 22
Hajduk	20	8	5	2	5	23	13 21
Dinamo Zagreb	20	10	1	4	5	29	21 21
Velez	20	9	1	2	8	29	22 19
Radnicki	20	8	2	4	6	31	23 18
Vardar	20	8	2	3	7	24	32 18
Spartak	20	7	4	0	9	26	23 18
Red Star	20	8	1	5	6	24	23 17
Osijek	20	6	5	0	9	24	33 17
Rijeka	20	8	0	5	7	26	22 16
Partizan	20	6	3	4	7	25	22 15
Buducnost	20	6	3	2	9	18	28 15
Sloboda	20	6	2	6	6	18	23 14
Sarajevo	20	5	4	3	8	22	28 14
Napredak	20	7	0	3	10	26	34 14
Celik	20	7	3	2	8	20	25 11
Zeljeznicar	20	5	1	2	12	20	33 11

ALGERIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sidi Bel-Abbes	21	9	8	4	30	20	26
Tizi-Ouzou	21	10	6	5	22	15	26
Moul. Alger	21	11	3	7	20	18	25
El Harrach	21	9	6	6	15	14	24
Assoc. Oran	21	9	5	7	24	18	23
Relizane	21	7	9	5	21	19	23
Annaba	20	7	7	6	21	15	21
Tiaret	21	8	6	7	25	23	20
Un. d'Alger	20	6	8	6	20	18	20
Moul. d'Oran	21	7	5	9	21	23	19
Constantine	24	8	7	9	17	18	18
Kouba	21	6	6	9	15	25	18
Ain-Beida	21	6	5	10	19	29	17
Bordj menaiel	19	6	4	9	21	21	16
Ain M'lila	16	3	6	7	13	18	16
Collo	21	4	8	9	17	26	16

MOROCCO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OCK Khouribga	16	10	5	1	16	5	41
MAS Fes	16	8	4	4	17	9	36
NAC Casa	16	6	7	3	19	4	35
KAC Ken	16	6	7	3	15	4	35
Agadir	16	6	7	3	17	14	35
CLAS. Casa	15	7	5	3	19	13	34
FAR Rabat	16	6	6	4	17	10	34
Marrakech	15	6	7	2	12	8	34
Benslimane	16	5	7	4	18	16	33
RAJA Casa	16	4	8	4	13	24	32
El-Jadida	16	3	7	6	15	19	29
FUS Rabat	16	5	3	8	11	21	29
Tanger	15	3	6	6	12	16	27
Sidi Kacem	15	2	6	7	20	22	25
COCm Meknes	16	3	3	10	12	23	25
Hilal Nador	16	2	2	12	4	30	22

RUMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dinamo	19	18	1	0	80	16	37
Steaua	19	18	1	0	71	16	37
Vicoria	19	12	3	4	49	31	27
Inter Sibiu	19	10	2	7	26	28	22
Flacara M	19	8	3	8	33	25	19
Olt	19	6	7	6	19	27	19
Corvinul	19	8	2	9	26	39	18
Brasov	19	7	3	8	33	34	17
Un. Cluj Nap	19	6	5	8	22	34	17
Bihor	19	6	4	9	20	21	16
Bacau	19	7	2	10	35	35	16
Arges Pitesti	19	7	2	10	34	36	16
Sportul S	19	7	2	10	29	38	16
Rapid	19	7	2	10	19	32	16
Un. Craiova	19	5	5	9	28	40	15
Farul	19	6	2	11	15	29	14
Otelul	19	5	4	10	22	38	14
Asa TG Mures	19	2	2	15	12	53	6

HUNGARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ferencvaros	18	11	1	1	5	31	23 36
MTK-VM	18	9	4	1	4	30	24 36
Videotron	18	11	0	1	6	38	21 34
Honved	18	8	5	0	5	21	17 34
Tatabanya	18	9	1	4	4	28	21 33
Raba Eto	18	9	2	1	6	27	20 32
Vac	18	7	4	2	5	24	22 31
Bekescsaba	18	8	1	2	7	30	24 28
Pecs	18	5	3	4	6	23	22 25
Zalaegersz	18	5	3	3	7	28	24 24
Siofok	18	6	1	4	7	23	24 24
Veszprem	18	5	4	1	8	14	24 24
Haladas	18	5	2	4	7	21	27 23
Ujpest	18	5	0	3	10	23	26 18
Vasas	18	3	2	3	10	22	43 16
Dunaujvaros	18	2	3	2	11	18	39 14

POLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gornik Zabrze	16	10	3	3	31	13	27
GKS Katowice	16	10	4	2	27	10	27
Ruch Chorzow	16	10	4	2	20	8	26
Legia	16	8	4	4	23	10	23
Lech Poznan	16	8	3	5	25	17	19
Stal Mielec	16	7	4	5	19	16	18
LKS Lodz	16	6	4	6	18	19	17
Widzew Lodz	16	4	8	4	13	12	16
J. Bialystok	16	5	6	5	10	13	16
Wisla Krakow	16	5	4	7	19	22	13
Pogon Szczecin	16	5	4	7	22	28	13
Ol. Poznan	16	5	2	9	16	26	10
Slask Wroclaw	16	2	7	7	9	21	9
Sz. Bytom	16	3	4	9	21	32	8
Walbrzych	16	4	2	10	11	24	7
Jastrzebie	16	3	3	10	6	19	7

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sparta	18	12	5	1	51	15	29
Ostrava	17	10	4	3	26	14	24
Nitra	18	10	1	7	25	22	21
Vitkovice	18	9	1	8	35	21	19
Slavia	18	9	1	8	32	32	19
D. Streda	18	8	3	7	18	22	19
Olomouc	17	7	4	6	25	20	18
Slovan	18	6	4	8	23	26	16
Bohemians	18	7	2	9	26	37	16
Dukla BB	18	7	2	9	30	42	16
Dukla P	17	6	3	8	26	26	15
Inter B	18	6	3	9	31	34	15
S. Olomouc	9	2	4	3	11	8	8
Trnava	17	6	3	8	18	24	15
Pizen	18	6	2	10	31	35	14
Cheb	18	6	2	10	24	32	14
Hradec K.	18	5	4	9	18	37	14

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CFKA Sredets	17	13	4	0	60	14	30
Vitosha	18	10	4	4	35	21	24
Etar	18	8	6	4	34	19	22
Trakia	18	8	5	5	33	22	21
Beroe	18	8	4	6	27	28	20
Tcherno More	18	8	4	6	23	27	20
Lok. Sofia	18	7	3	8	23	22	17
Slavia	18	5	7	6	19	19	17
Dounav Russe	18	7	3	8	14	20	17
Lok. Plovdiv	18	7	3	8	17	36	17
Pirin	18	7	2	9	21	19	16
Sliven	18	6	3	9	21	28	15
Spartak Varna	18	3	7	8	21	30	13
Vratza	18	3	7	8	16	33	13
Mineur	17	4	4	9	16	26	12
Lokomotiv GO	18	5	2	11	12	28	12

WORLD SOCCER DIARY

A SMATTERING of foreign languages can come in useful, even when talking about soccer books. One German-published edition which will interest readers is Die Grossen Fussball-vereine de Welt (The World's Greatest Clubs) by World Soccer contributor Stefan Tarras (published by Copress Verlag, Schellingstrasse 39-43, 8000 Munich 40).

The book traces the history and organisation of leading clubs from 22 countries — though Tarras was let down a little by the publishers.

Deciding the book was a little too long they cut two clubs — Celtic and Nacional. Celtic fans may feel especially upset, since Rangers are in the book.

But leaving Nacional out was an unusual error of judgment from a publishing house which has a long record of excellent soccer publications. Nacional are, after all, world club champions.

One for the collectors in a very different field is **The Illustrated Footballer (by Tony Ambrosen; Breedon Books, 45 Friary Gate, Derby DE1; price £6.95).**

This is a history of football as portrayed through football cards down through the century.

Plenty of names and faces for the older generation here, as well as a reminder for the younger generation that even Stanley Matthews (as on the front cover) was an up-and-coming player of potential in his time.

The Guinness stable provides a new, revised edition of **Guiness Soccer Records, Facts and Champions, edited as ever by Jack Rollin (Guiness Publishing, 33 London Road, Enfield, Middlesex; price £8.95).**

This time the concise facts and figures have been supplemented by personality features on famous names past present — ranging from Dixie Dean to Just Fontaine, Phil Neal to Gary Lineker.

Finally, **World Soccer** receives a regular stream of inquiries about statistical publications on African football. That has been a lot cause — until now. Tireless statistician Mel ap ior Thomas has laboured for several years to produce what is without any doubt the finest facts and figures volume ever produced on African football.

His **African Football Handbook** is one of the 'home-made' books gaining in popularity, covers all-time international results, club results, champions and cup-winners and can be obtained on inquiry from the author (Mel ap ior Thomas, 18 Y Sgwan, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd LL41 3UL, Wales).

In the same style, though not quite the size, is **Italian Calcio History 1898-1988 by Gilbert Rousselle (Nieuwstraat 19 B4, 8400 Ostend, Belgium).**

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CHAMPIONS' CUP

Quarter-finals, first legs (March 1)

IFK Gothenburg 1 (Ingesson 55)
Steaua Bucharest 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 16,067. **Ref:** Blankenstein (Hol).
IFK: Verdin — R.Nilsson, Svensson, A.Ravelli, Mordt — Johansson, Zetterlund, Ingesson, Tommy Holmgren — Andersson, Eriksson.
Steaua: Lung — D.Petrescu, Bumbescu, Iovan, Ungureanu — Balan, T.Stoica, Hagi, Rotariu — Lacatus, Piturca (Negrau 69).

SWEDISH lumberjack Klas Ingesson kept IFK in the hunt after a rusty display which betrayed the fact that the championship has yet to start. Ingesson scored one goal and prevented an equaliser with a goal-line clearance. IFK rarely looked like a goal in the first half. The absence of experienced forwards Lennart Nilsson and Leif Forsberg plus concern over untried reserve goalkeeper Magnus Verdin — new signing Tomas Ravelli being ineligible — did nothing to help their confidence. Then, in the 55th minute, Ingesson converted a Kennet Andersson pass with an angled right-foot drive. Peter Eriksson shot over from point-blank range before Steaua settled down. When the Rumanians attacked Ingesson cleared a Marius Lacatus shot off the line and Verdin made a fine save from Gheorghe Hagi.

Monaco 0
Galatasaray 1 (Tanju)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Pauly (WG)
Monaco: Ettori — Amoros, Valery, Sonor, Battiston, Poullain, Ferratge, Puel, Hateley (Hoddle 46), Weah, Fofana.
Galatasaray: Simovic — Ismail (Metin Yildiz 87), Semih, Yusuf, Cuneyt, Muhammed, Bulent, Tanju, Savas Demirel, Prekazi, Ugur.

A FEW weeks earlier Tanju Colak — known professionally as Tanju — had told an audience in Monte Carlo that he had saved a goal for this match. Tanju was speaking on receipt of the Golden Boot for his 39 goals last season and he was as accurate in his forecasting as in his marksmanship. Galatasaray were much more dangerous on the counter-attack, even in the first half, than were Monaco. The French champions had been badly hit by injury and paid the penalty after 20 minutes when Prekazi crossed from the left and Tanju dived in among the flying boots to head home at the far post. Monaco lost Mark Hateley to an ankle injury (for which he had an operation the next day) and brought on Glenn Hoddle as sub. But Hoddle had not played for three months because of knee trouble and hard as he tried, he could not find a way through the packed and spirited Turkish defence — or past inspired goalkeeper Zoran Simovic.

PSV Eindhoven 1 (Romario 57)
Real Madrid 1 (Butragueno 44)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Agnolin (It)
PSV: Lodewijks — Gerets, Valckx, Koeman, Heintze, Lerby, Van Aerle, Vanenburg, Romario, Ellerman (Gillhaus 46), Anton Jansson.
Madrid: Buyo — Tendillo, Esteban, Michel, Sanchis, Gordillo, Butragueno (Paco Llorente 61), Schuster, Hugo Sanchez, Gallego, Martin Vazquez.

ENGLAND manager Bobby Robson was among the sell-out crowd to see just what English clubs are missing through their continued absence from European competition. Both teams played some fine constructive football — leavened, it must be admitted, with some less pleasing antics which brought yellow cards to rule the likes of Lerby (PSV) and Buyo (Madrid) out of the second leg. PSV started strongly but made little headway and, as Bernd Schuster gradually assumed control in midfield, the Spaniards began to threaten on the break. Hugo Sanchez had a 'goal' disallowed for kicking the ball out of Lodewijks's hands after a corner. But Emilio Butragueno bravely dive-headed Madrid in front just before the interval after a beautiful Schuster-Michel move on the right. PSV equalised with a goal — also a header — of equal quality by Brazilian striker Romario, making his European club debut. Madrid had one lucky escape when Romario headed against a post from close range and nearly scored again themselves with a 20-yard effort from Martin Vazquez.

Werder Bremen 0
Milan 0
Att: 40,000. **Ref:** Rosa Santos (Por)
Bremen: Reck — Schaaf, Otten, Bratseth, Kutzop, Hermann, Ordenewitz, Votava, Riedle, Neubarth, Meier.
Milan: Galli — Tassotti, Costacurta, Colombo, Rijkaard, F.Baresi, Donadoni, Ancelotti, Van Basten, Gullit, Evani.

MILAN had the better of a match played in driving rain and were furious with Portuguese referee Rosa Santos. In the 30th minute he turned down Milan penalty claims when Norway's Rune Bratseth appeared to handle on the goal-line. Milan claimed that the ball had crossed the line or that they should have had a penalty. But the referee rejected both suggestions. Just before half-time, however, Milan enjoyed a let-off when Galli punched a corner into his own net and was relieved that the referee had spotted a push. In the second half Milan shut up shop and came close to a winner when a beautiful piece of work by Marco Van Basten took the Dutchman through the Bremen defence only for much-coveted Norwegian defender Rune Bratseth to clear off the line. Bremen coach Otto Rehhagel said he thought Milan should have had a penalty when Schaaf handled and his team should have had a goal when Galli punched into his own net. One pleasing factor for Milan was the superb display of Frank Rijkaard at the heart of defence. Rijkaard had begun to come under criticism in the Italian press for failing to adjust quickly enough in Milan.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Quarter-finals, first legs (March 1)

Aarhus 0
Barcelona 1 (Lineker 70)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Stiegler (Cz)
Aarhus: Rasmussen — Jespersen, Stampe (Bjerre 80), Rieper, Wachmann (Thomas Andersen 46), C.Christensen, B.Kristensen, Moerup, Thomsen, Mortensen, Lundkvist.
Barcelona: Zubizarreta — Serna, Aloisio, Eusebio, Milla, Roberto, Baquero, Salinas, Lineker, Alesanco (Julio Alberto 82), Amor (Beguiristain 72).

BARCELONA coach Johan Cruyff was, not surprisingly, perplexed by critical questioning after the game about his deployment of Gary Lineker. Cruyff said: "My concern is only to use Gary Lineker the best way for Barcelona, not for England." Lineker certainly did his job — converting a Julio Salinas pass from the right for the winner against a ring-rusty Danish team for whom Bjorn Kristensen was playing one of his last games before a projected move to Newcastle. Aarhus worked hard but only some fine saves by keeper Troels Rasmussen (from Jose Baquero, Lineker and Salinas) saved them from heavier defeat.

CFKA Sofia 2 (Stoichkov 14, Kostadinov 67)
Roda JC Kerkrade 1 (Boerebach 84)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Rothlisberger (Swz)
CFKA: Vulov — N.Mladenov, T.Ivanov, Bachev, Dimitrov, Yanchev, E.Kostadinov, Stoichkov, L.Penev, Georgiev, Kirov (Tanev 89).
Roda: Nederburgh — Broeders, Freiser, Boerebach, Troost, *Suvrijn, Hanssen, Groenendyk, Van den Luer (Smits 89), Van Loen, Noellgen (Haan 70). *Suvrijn sent off, 80min.

THE Bulgarian army team of CFKA squeezed to victory in a tough game which saw Dutch international Wilbert Suvrijn sent off and eight other players booked. Hristo Stoichkov collected a cross and beat two defenders before shooting CFKA ahead. Then Emil Kostadinov stretched their lead with one of the finest-struck shots of the European night. Six minutes from time, however, with Roda already down to ten men after Suvrijn's expulsion, Michael Boerebach changed the complexion of the tie with a goal from a free kick. It was only the second 'real' shot Roda had manufactured.

Dinamo Bucharest 1 (Vaiscovici 16 pen)
Sampdoria 1 (Vialli 89)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Brummeier (Aus)
Dinamo: Stelea — Varga (Mihaescu 60), Klein, Rednic, Lupescu, Nicolae, Vaiscovici (Raducioiu 69), Sabau, Camataru, Mateut, Lupu.
Sampdoria: Pagliuca — Mannini (Lanna 20), *Carboni, Pari, Vierchowod, L.Pellegrini, Victor, Toninho Cerezo, Vialli, Pradella (Salsano 54), Dossena.
*Carboni sent off, 10mins.

SAMPDORIA'S star striker, Gianluca Vialli, laid bare both his talent and his immaturity just before the end. Having scored a brilliant last-ditch solo equaliser, Vialli retaliated against a heavy tackle moments later with a nasty foul. Austrian referee Horst Brummeier booked him — just as Brummeier had booked him a week earlier when Vialli was playing for Italy against Denmark. Vialli was thus condemned to miss the return leg, which threatened to spoil Sampdoria's prospects of finishing off the Rumanians back in Genoa. Dinamo, unbeaten Rumanian league leaders, should have done better than they did. After only ten minutes Samp had defender Amadeo Carboni sent off for a bad foul on veteran striker Rodion Camataru. Another foul on Camataru brought the penalty which Claudio Vaiscovici converted. But Italian resistance then tightened sufficiently to defy Dinamo for the rest of the match — and give Brazilian veteran Toninho Cerezo the chance to send Vialli away on his equalising counter-attack.

Eintracht Frankfurt 0
Mechelen 0
Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Karlsson (Swe)
Frankfurt: Stein — Binz, Schlindwein (Rompel 69), Korbel, Roth, Grundel, Lasser, Bakalorz, Studer, Turowski (Balzis 29), Andersen.
Mechelen: Preud'homme — Emmers, Rutjes, Deferm, Sanders, Hofkens, De Wilde, Versavel, De Mesmaeker, Bosman (Ohana 62), Den Boer.

THIS goalless draw suited holders Mechelen though they had keeper Michel Preud'homme to thank for two fine saves in the first half from Jorn Andersen and Stefan Studer.

UEFA CUP

Quarter-finals, first legs (Feb 28 unless stated)

Juventus 2 (Bruno 13, Corradini og 44)
Napoli 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 46,204. **Ref:** Courtney (Eng). Played Mar 1.
Juventus: Tacconi — Favero, De Agostini, Galia, Bruno, Tricella, Marocchi, Rui Barros, Altobelli (Laudrup 73), Zavarov, Mauro (Magrin 87).
Napoli: Giuliani — Ferrara, Francini, Fusi, Corradini, Renica, Crippa, Alemao (Romano 53), Careca, Maradona, Carnevale.

NAPOLI began as favourites for this all-Italian tie, thanks to far better league form than Juventus and thanks also to memories of their brilliant 5-3 victory in Turin earlier in the season. Diego Maradona was also expected, on the law of averages, to score what would have been his first goal away against Juventus in Turin. Instead it was Juventus who controlled events. Pasquale Bruno shot them ahead from 25 yards after 13 minutes when the ball rebounded after a free kick. Then, just before the interval, Giancarlo Corradini diverted a Rui Barros cross into his own net. Stopper Bruno and sweeper Roberto Tricella were the dominant figures for Juventus, Alessandro Renica in midfield the pick of Napoli. Remarkably this was Juventus' first home win of the year.

Hearts 1 (Ferguson 55)
Bayern Munich 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 26,294. **Ref:** Kohl (Aus).
Hearts: Smith — McLaren, McKinlay, McPherson, Berry, Levein, Galloway, Ferguson (Mackay 89), Colquhoun (Sandison 81), Black, Bannon.
Bayern: Aumann — Grahammer, Pflugler, Johnsen, Augenthaler, Flick, Kogl (Eck 65), Reuter, Wohlfarth (Wegmann 70), Thon, Ekstrom.

BAYERN were furious with themselves for allowing Hearts to shake them out of their stride in a no-holds-barred Tynecastle contest. Flick wasted two half-chances in the first half but Hearts scored the only goal 12 minutes after the interval. Kenny Black was fouled, Tosh McKinlay touched the free kick and transfer-listed Ian Ferguson rifled his

shot past Raimond Aumann from 25 yards. Bad news for Hearts the next day was a looming clash with UEFA because Hearts had allowed a live cable TV transmission to West Germany. The DFB had specifically requested that the Scottish FA tell Hearts' chairman Wallace Mercer to 'pull the plugs'.

Stuttgart 1 (Walter 34)
Real Sociedad 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Lo Bello (It).
Stuttgart: Immel — Schafer, N.Schmaler, Katanec, Hartmann, Buchwald, Zietsch, Walter, O.Schmaler (Schutterle 83), Sigurvinsson, Gaudino (Poschner 83).
Sociedad: Arconada — Baquero, Bengoechea (Uria 46), Larranaga, Gorriz, Gajate, Zuniga (Fuentes 72), Goicoechea, Loren, Zamora, Mujica.

FRITZ Walter (no relation to West Germany's 1954 World Cup captain) scored the only goal when he converted a Schafer pass after 34 minutes of a disappointing first half. Stuttgart were unfortunate to be hit by the enforced absences of unwell Klaus Allgower and Jurgen Klinsmann. They fielded 19-year-old twins Olaf and Nils Schmaler but could have won by a greater margin. In the second half Maurizio Gaudino twice wasted clear openings.

Victoria Bucharest 1 (Solomon 48)
Dynamo Dresden 1 (Gutschow 24)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Syme (Scot).
Victoria: Nitu — Cojocaru, Solomon, Stefan, Balan — Ursu, Daniel (Mirea 46), Ursea — Tira, Coras, Culcear (Damaschin I 39).
Dresden: Teuber — Trautmann, Mauksh, Kirchner, Doschner — Sammer, Hauptmann, Pilz (Jahnig 68) — Minge, *Kirsten, Gutschow (Buttner 67). *Kirsten sent off, 2min.

DRESDEN, runaway league leaders in East Germany, should have come away with a better result. But they had to play virtually all the match with ten men after star striker (!) Ulf Kirsten was sent off for throwing a punch at Stefan. Dresden led at half-time thanks to a Gutschow header to a Minge cross. But the unrated Rumanians struck back just after the interval when substitute Damaschin created the equaliser for the unmarked Solomon.

CHAMPIONS' CUP

Quarter-finals, second legs (March 15)

Galatasaray 1 (Prekazi 51)
Monaco 1 (Weah 65)
Att: 60,000 (in Cologne). **Ref:** Van Langenhove (Bel)
Galatasaray 2-1 on agg
Galatasaray: Simovic — Ismail, Semih, Cuneyt, Yusuf, Bulent, Ugur, Prekazi (Metin Yildiz 81), Eran Onal, Tanju, Muhammed (Savas Demirel 79).
Monaco: Ettori — Amoros, Valery, Sonor, Battiston, Poullain, Ferratge, Puel, Weah, Hoddle, Fofana.

TURKISH migrant workers turned out in their thousands to cheer Galatasaray into the semi-finals for the first time. Galatasaray's own ground was suspended because of crowd trouble in the second round but this was as much a home match as any in Istanbul. The one unhappy side to the night was an incident near the ground when three cars were set on fire. Two people were arrested by police organised in a high-security operation because of the presence at the match of Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal as well as Monaco's Prince Rainier and Prince Albert. As for the match Monaco were already upset by injuries to Toure and Hateley and the suspension of Dib. Galatasaray played cautiously in the first half, their best chance coming in the 26th minute when Patrick Valery brought down Dzevad Prekazi but the referee rejected penalty appeals. In the 51st minute Prekazi, a Yugoslav forward, made amends with a spectacular shot from a free kick to open the scoring. Monaco now needed three goals and though they threw everything forward, with Glenn Hoddle in fine form, their only reward was an equaliser-on- the-night from Liberian Georges Weah. In the 70th minute Weah came close to a winner, but Simovic pushed away his close-range shot.

Milan 1 (Van Basten 32 pen)
Werder Bremen 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 71,000. **Ref:** George Smith (Sc)
Milan 1-0 on agg
Milan: G.Galli — Tassotti, Maldini, Colombo (Costacurta 89), Rijkaard, Baresi, Donadoni, Ancelotti, Van Basten, Gullit, Evani.
Bremen: Reck — Hermann, Otten, Bratseth, Sauer, Borowka (Hanses 72), Wolter, Votava, Ordenewitz (Burgsmuller 65), Neubarth, Meier.

A DISPUTED first-half penalty, converted by European Footballer of the Year Marco Van Basten, proved decisive. Werder players protested long and loud to Scottish referee George Smith after he ruled that Gunnar Sauer had fouled Roberto Donadoni but Van Basten refused to allow himself to be distracted. Milan might have won more easily but Donadoni, Van Basten and Ruud Gullit missed four clear chances between them and Bremen keeper Oliver Reck also made several fine saves. Reck was booked at the end for pushing the referee, who was applauded ironically from the pitch by the Bremen team. The match produced Milan record receipts of £1.3million.

Real Madrid 2 (Hugo Sanchez 72pen, Martin Vazquez 105)
PSV Eindhoven 1 (Romario 84)
HT: 0-0. **90min:** 1-1. **Att:** 95,000.
Ref: Vautrot (Fr)
Real Madrid 3-2 on agg after extra time
Real Madrid: Agustin — Chendo, Esteban, Michel, Sanchis, Gordillo (Butragueno 112), Paco Llorente (Tendillo 106), Schuster, Hugo Sanchez, Gallego, Martin Vazquez.
PSV: Lodewijks — Gerets, Valckx, Koeman, Heintze, Lerby, Van Aerle, Vanenburg, Romario, Gillhaus, Linskens (Jansson 70).

PSV's reign as European champions is over after less than a year. Despite their injury crisis they took the tie to extra time but might consider themselves fortunate to have gone that far. Madrid had more than enough chances to have wrapped up the tie well before Hugo Sanchez converted a penalty for their first goal after Michel was brushed to the ground by Van Aerle. Romario's well-taken equaliser exposed Madrid's defensive frailties but it was Sanchez whoe produced the decisive moment of skill as he chested back a centre for Rafael Martin Vazquez to volley the extra-time winner.

Steaua Buch. 5 (Lacatus 7, 16, 65, Dumitrescu 39, Balint 89)
IFK Gothenburg 1 (Zetterlund 53)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Quiniou (Fr)
Steaua 5-2 on agg
Steaua: Lung — Minea, Ungureanu, Bumbescu, Stoica, Iovan, Lacatus, Dumitrescu (Balint 85), Piturca (Negrau 73), Hagi, Rotariu.
IFK: Verdin — R.Nilsson, Svensson, A.Ravelli, Mordt, Johansson, Zetterlund, Ingesson, Holmgren, Andersson, Eriksson (Forsberg 25).

MARIUS Lacatus took his European goals tally for the season to six with the hat-trick which wrecked the dreams of IFK. The Swedes paid a heavy price for their lack of competitive match practice. Lacatus shot Steaua level on aggregate after seven minutes — with the Swedes claiming offside — and ahead in 16, when he converted a cross from Ilie Dumitrescu. Lacatus then created the opening for Dumitrescu to stretch that lead with a header. Lacatus, a 24-year-old economics student, continued to take IFK apart in the second half. First he collected a through ball from skipper Tudorel Stoica to score Steaua's fourth, then he set up Gavril Balint for No 5. IFK did not create one real chance until the 54th minute, when Leif Forsberg was close to a goal. And it was substitute Forsberg who paved the way for Lars Zetterlund's consolation goal after a rare slip by Steaua keeper Silviu Lung. If Steaua missed asylum-seeking sweeper Miodrag Belodedici it never showed. IFK coach Kjell Pettersson said: "We just didn't have the experience to cope with a team of Steaua's quality. If they maintain this form they will win the Cup."

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Quarter-finals, second legs (March 15)

Barcelona 0
Aarhus 0
Att: 7,000. **Ref:** Germanakos (Gr)
Barcelona 1-0 on agg
Barcelona: Zubizarreta — Aloisio, Julio Alberto (Sergi 60), Serna, Milla, Eusebio, Baquero, Roberto, Amor (Carrasco 71), Lineker, Beguiristain.
Aarhus: Rasmussen — Wachmann, Stampe, S.Andersen (Thomsen 64), Rieper, T.Andersen, Kristensen, Mortensen, Moerup, Lundkvist, Jertensen (Christensen 82).

BARCELONA'S players appeared to have as little interest in this match as their fans. The reported crowd of 7,000 is one of the lowest-ever in the Nou Camp's 32-year history.

Mechelen 1 (Wilmots 62)
Eintracht Frankfurt 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Spirin (SU)
Mechelen 1-0 on agg
Mechelen: Preud'homme — Sanders, Emmers, Rutjes, Deferm, Hofkens, Versavel, Dewilde (Ohana 18); De Greef 84), De Mesmaeker, Bosman, Wilmots.
Frankfurt: Stein — Roth, Rompel (Balzis 74), Korbel, Binz, Klepper, Lasser (Biernat 74), Gruendel, Andersen, Bakalorz, Sievers.

MARC Wilmots, aged 20, provided the decisive goal in the tie when he controlled an awkward pass from Wim Hofkens, turned and fired an 18-yard drive past Uli Stein. "That was a great goal," said Mechelen coach Aad de Mos. Mechelen were without Footballer of the Year Leo

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Clijsters as well as Dutch European champion Erwin Koeman, because of injuries, and also had to substitute forward Pascal Dewilde after only 17 minutes. It took them 20 minutes before Bruno Versavel produced their first shot, drawing a fine save from Stein. Frankfurt were happy to sit back and soak up the pressure. Even then Mechelen still found the occasional gap, as in the 42nd minute when Stein was again forced into action to save from Marc Emmers after a one-two with John Bosman. Mechelen did have one stroke of luck when Dirk Bakalorz fired narrowly over the bar in the West Germans' late rally. But Frankfurt can now go back to concentrating on their bid to escape relegation in West Germany, while Mechelen can dream of becoming the first club to retain the Cup-winners' Cup.

Roda JC Kerkrade 2 (Haan 38, Van de Luer 54)
CFKA Sredets 1 (Stoichkov 77)
HT: 1-0.**90min:** 2-1. **Att:** 17,500. Ref: Mikkelsen (Den)
CFKA 4-3 on pens: agg 3-3
Roda: Nederburgh — Broeders, Fraeser, Boerebach, Trost — Van Luer, Hanssem, Groenendijk — Haan, Van Loen, Sanchez Torres (Smeets 91).
CFKA: Valov — Mladenov, Dimitrov, Ivanov, Bachov — Bezinsky, Yanchev (Georgiev 46), Kirov (Vitanov 67) — Kostadinov, Penev, Stoichkov.

CFKA, the army team from Sofia, came closer to becoming Bulgaria's first-ever European club finalists when they held their nerves better to beat the Dutchmen in the penalty shoot-out. Roda pulled level on aggregate (and ahead on the away goals rule) with a flying header by Michel Haan to a pass from Spaniard Manuel Sanchez Torres. Eric Van de Luer scored a second early in the second half. But in a rugged match of nine bookings, a back pass blunder by Roda's Michel Boerebach presented Hristo Stoichkov with the goal which sent the tie into extra time. Goalkeeper Ilia Valov was then CFKA's hero with his shoot-out saves from Alfons Groenendijk and Boerebach.

Sampdoria 0
Dinamo Bucharest 0
Att: 32,500 (played in Cremona). **Ref:** Nemeth (Hun)
Sampdoria on away goals rule — 1-1 agg
Sampdoria: Pagliuca — Lanna, Salsano, Pari, Vierchowod, Pellegrini, Victor, Toninho Cerezo, Pradella (Bonomi 83), Mancini, Dossena.
Dinamo: Stelea — Varga, Klein, Rednic, Lupescu, Andone, Lupu, Mateut, Sabou, Vaiscovici (Roducioi 46), Camataru.

DINAMO had been scoring at a rate of three goals a game in the Rumanian league but the experienced Italians were just too much for them. As the match went on, in Cremona because Sampdoria's ground in Genoa is closed for World Cup renovation, the Rumanians increased their attacking pressure on keeper Gianluca Pagliuca, but all in vain. Sampdoria were without attacking star Gianluca Vialli because of suspension and national team-mate Roberto Mancini missed their best chance when he hit the bar in the 42nd minute. Dinamo's best chance was wasted by substitute Mircea Raducioi in the 50th minute while Dorin Mateut, domestic top scorer with 24 goals in 19 matches, came close several times with his powerful long-range efforts.

U E F A CUP

Quarter-finals, second legs (March 15 unless stated)

Bayern Munich 2 (Augenthaler 16, Johnsen 68)
Hearts 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Sor.Aladren(Sp). Played March 14.
Bayern 2-1 on agg
Bayern: Aumann — Augenthaler — Johnsen, Pflugler — Nachtweih, Reuter, Flick, Eck (Ekstrom 55), Kogl — Wohlfarth, Wegmann.
Hearts: Smith — McLaren, Levein, McPherson, McKinley (Robertson 77) — Mackay, Berry, Black, Bannon (Ferguson 70) — Colquhoun, Galloway.

BAYERN skipped some rugged Scottish tackling just nimbly enough to secure a semi-final place. Skipper Klaus Augenthaler blasted them ahead with a 30-yard drive after only 16 minutes. But then it was not until the 68th that Norwegian newcomer Erland Johnsen headed the second. Hearts felt Johnsen may have been offside. The Scots had a couple of chances of their own to build on the one-goal lead obtained in the first leg. John Colquhoun wasted one clear- cut opening after running through from the halfway line and Craig Levein saw a header after a corner rebound from a post.

Dynamo Dresden 4 (Minge 47, 77, Gutschow 87, 89pen)
Victoria Bucharest 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 38,000. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe)
Dresden 5-1 on agg
Dresden: Teuber — Lierberam, Mauksch, Trautmann, Kirchner, Doschner (Buttner 70), Pilz, Minge (Jahnig 84), Stubner, Sammer, Gutschow.
Victoria: Nitu — Zare, Cojocaru, Stefan, Pana (Ursu 52), Mirea, Solomon, Lais (Tira 71), Culcear, Coras, Damaschin.

VICTORIA, unfashionable Rumanians, held out bravely until half-time. But after the restart the floodgates opened and, after Victoria's Mirea was sent off in the 73rd minute, the runaway East German league leaders proved irresistible. Two goals apiece from Ralf Minge and Torsten Gutschow were more than enough. Dresden are thus in a European semi-final for the first time.

Real Sociedad 1 (Zamora 17)
Stuttgart 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Worrell (Eng). Played March 16.
Stuttgart 4-2 on pens, 1-1 agg
Real: Arconada — Larranaga — Gajate, Gorriz, Lasa (Loinaz 99) — Mujica, Iturrino (Fuentes 84), Zamora, Carlos Martinez — Loren, Goicoechea.
Stuttgart: Immel — Nils Schmaler, Allgower, Buchwald, Schroder (Schuttele 93) — Hartmann, Katanec, Zietsch (Poschner 70), Sigurvinsson — Walter, Gaudino.

JOHN Toshack's UEFA Cup dreams ended in the disappointment of defeat from the penalty spot. Veteran Jesus Zamora pulled Real level on aggregate after only 17 minutes. Stuttgart's ragged attempt to play the offside trap failed, Lasa crossed and Mujica's miss-hit effort was turned into goal by Zamora. Real forced 11 corners, most of them in the first half. They became more cautious as the game went on — and paid the price in the shoot-out. Former West German national keeper Eike Immel was Stuttgart's hero, saving Real's third and fifth kicks from Carlos Martinez and Gajate respectively.

Napoli 3 (Maradona 9pen, Carnevale 46, Renica 119)
Juventus 0
HT: 1-0. **90min:** 2-0. **Att:** 78,000. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG)
Napoli 3-2 on agg, after extra time

Napoli: Giuliani — Ferrara, Francini, Corradini, Alemao, Renica, Carannante (Neri 115), Crippa, Careca, Maradona (Romano 95), Carnevale.
Juventus: Tacconi — Bruno, De Agostini, Galia, Brio (Favero 35), Tricella, Marocchi, Rui Barros, Altobelli, Mauro (Magrin 91), Laudrup.

JUVENTUS were overwhelmed by the passion of Napoli and their fans, but the match went right to the last minute before Alessandro Renica's header to Careca superb near-post cross decided the tie. Napoli pulled one goal back after only nine minutes when Diego Maradona scored from the penalty spot after Careca had been brought down. Then, a minute into the second half, Alessandro Carnevale pulled Napoli level on aggregate from a pass by Brazil's Alemao, who has only just returned to action after hepatitis. Juventus were rarely seen in attack and this defeat will increase speculation about the future of coach Dino Zoff.

SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Libertadores Cup

Group 2 — February 19
Maritimo (Venezuela) 0
Tachira (Venezuela) 1 (Villar)
HT: 0-1 **Ref:** Nelson Rodriguez (Venezuela). **Att:** 15.000
Maritimo: Nicolak, Isea, Rivas (Bebeto), Goncalvez (Febles), Betancourt, San Vicente, Rizzi, Polanco, Vera, Reyes, Edeliberto.
Tachira: Francovig, Pachaco, Paz, Muriel, Rojas, Jaimes, Genovesse, Maldonado, Pajurek, Villar (Hernandez), Gonzolez.

TACHIRA, basing their play on strong defensive action to gain an away point, came away with both when Villar scored after 25 minutes. Maritimo did most of the attacking and missed chances and they could not even make use of their numeroical advantage when Tachira winger Gonzolas was sent off for rough play. Tachira goalkeeper Francovig saved at least 10 sure goals.

February 21
Bahia (Brazil) 2 (Gil, Ze Carlos)
Internacional (Brazil) 1 (Aguirre)
HT: 2-1. **Ref:** Arnaldo Coelho (Brazil).
Bahia: Ronaldo, Tarantini, Marcelo, Newmar, Edinho, Rodrigues, Gil, Bobo (Usmar), Ze Carlos, Charles (Sandro), Marquinhos.
Internacional: Tafarell, Luis Winck, Aguirregaray, Nene, Casimiro, Norberto (Marcelo), Ado, Martins, Heider, Aguirre, Edu.

INTERNACIONAL started off as the better team to take a seven-minute lead, but then Bahia — getting over the celebrations of winning the Brazilian national title 48 hours earlier — gradually got on top to gain their half-time lead. Their attack lost bite in the second half, however, when Bobo had to go off injured.

Group 3 — February 12
Emelec (Ecuador) 1 (Nazareno)
Deportivo Quito (Ecuador) 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Alfredo Rodas (Ecuador). **Att:** 23,000.
Emelec: Baldriz, Patino, Fajardo, Canga, Capurro, Falero, Verduga, Gardenas (Martinez) Aviles, Minda, (De Negri), Nazareno.
Dep.Quito: Enriquez, Encalada, Angulo, Perez, Rivera, Panchi, Vega, Aguinaga, Mendoza, Yepez (La Rosa), Quinonez.

BOTH teams played well for the first 25 minutes until Emelec scored the only goal. Then they slowed the rhythm and used stricter marking to hold on to their lead and play became monotonous. Deportivo Quito's midfielder, Aguinaga, the country's best player in recent seasons, stood out but could do no more as he was closely marked although he came close to equalising.

February 15
Millonarios (Colombia) 1 (Hernandez)
Nacional (Colombia) 1 (Higuita, pen.)
HT: 0-1. **Ref: Cardellino (Uruguay). Att:** 30,000.
Millonarios: Goicochea, Conde, Cuesta, Pimentel, Galeano, Gamero, Venemerak (Pizza), Bernal, Estrada, Juarez, Hernandez.
Nacional: Higuita, Gomez, Escobar, Perea, Villa, Perez, Alvarez, Garcia, Arango, O.Galeano (Uzurriaga), Valderrama (Trellez).

MILLIONARIOS dominated the early action, but Nacional, which lines up most of the national team players, gradually imposed their better ball play and overran the Millonarios midfield where Vanemerak and Pimentel failed. Nacional took a 25-minute lead and then defended it with only two men up and close marking. Millonarios' insistent attacking then brought only one goal after 51 minutes.

February 21
Emelec (Ecuador) 1 (Falero, pen.)
Nacional (Colombia) 1 (Trellez)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** Carlos Montalvan (Peru). **Att:** 35,000.
Emelec: Baldriz, Patino (Aparicio), Fajardo, Canga, Capurro, Falero, Verduga, Minda, Martinez, Aviles, Nazareno.
Nacional: Higuita, Gomez, Perea, Escobar, Villa, Perez, Alvarez, Garcia, Valderrama (Galeano), Trellez, Arango.

NACIONAL gained their second valuable away draw on a field left muddy by torrential rain shortly before the match after being pushed back for the first 15 minutes, but later they gained more of the ball and their goalkeeper, Higuita, only had one save to make in the first half. The Colombian team also seldom reached goal, but managed to go ahead in time added on for stoppages at the end of the first half. Emelec's desperate second half attacks to equalize were easily controlled by the Colombian defence and Emelec only managed to equalize from the penalty spot halfway through the second half.

Group 4
February 12
Universitario (Peru) 0
Sporting Cristal (Peru) 1 (Dall'Orso).
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Cesar Cachay (Peru). **Att:** 15,000.

Universitario: Chavez Riva, Rojas, Requena, Del Solar, Carmona, Carranza, Reyna, Martinez (Yanez), Suarez, Torrealba, Gonzalez (Rey Munoz).

Sporting Cristal: Gonzalez, Arrelucea, Arteaga, Cruz, Olivares, Palacios (Novela), Diaz, Redher, Manassero (Dall'Orso), Loyola, Hurtado.

SPORTING CRISTAL scored the winner seven minutes from the end in a rough match, repeating their narrow victory over the same rivals for the Peruvian national title a few days earlier. Universitario came closer to scoring, specially in the second half when Cristal were reduced to counter-attacks, one of which was successful near the end.

February 15
Boca Juniors (Argentina) 0
Racing Avellaneda (Argentina) 0
Ref: Francisco Lamolina (Argentina). **Att:** 35,000.

Boca Juniors: Navarro Montoya, Abramovich, Simon, Cuciuffo, Hrabina, Carrizo, Marangoni (Villarreal), Tapia, Graciani, Perazzo, Comas.

Racing (Avellaneda): Balerio, Olaraticoechea, Costas.G. Zacanti, Olaran, Acuna, Lamadrid, Ortega Sanchez, Colombatti (Videla), Iglesias (Medina Bello), Pernandez.

BOCA JUNIORS came slightly closer to scoring, but both teams lacked precision and the goalkeepers were the best men on the field.

February 20
Universitario (Peru) 1 (Yanez)
Boca Juniors (Argentina) 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Gaston Castro (Chile). **Att:** 25,000.

Universitario: Chavez Riva, Rojas (Renya), Del Solar, Requena, Vidales, Carranza, Cervera, Yanez (Briceno), Suarez, Rey Munoz, Torrealba.

Boca Juniors: Merlo, Stafuza, Tavarez, Erbin, Domenech, Sonora, Villarreal, Hoyos, Pico (Latorre), Gutierrez, Barberon.

BOCA JUNIORS sent a reserve team to Peru to keep their top players fresh for their national championship, in which they top the table, and they performed creditably. Universitario with more experience, came closer to opening the score which they did after 33 minutes. Boca pressed more afterwards, especially during the last 20 minutes, but they could not get their attack going, although defender Domenech, Boca's best man, almost equalized in the final minute.

February 23
Sporting Cristal (Peru) 1 (Arrelucea)
Boca Juniors (Argentina) 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Hernan Silva (Chile). **Att:** 20,000.

Sporting Cristal: Gonzalez, Arrelucea, Cruz, Artega, Olivares, Diaz, Olaechea, Rheder, Manessero (Novella), Loyola, Hurtado (Ramirez).

Boca Juniors: Merlo, Stafuza, Tavares, Erbin, Domenech, (Cuciuffo) Sonora, Villarreal, Latorre, Pico, Gutierrez (Tilger), Barberon.

BOCA JUNIORS, again with their reserve team, gave a much better performance than against Universitario and deserved to be in the lead at half-time after pressing much more. Cristal improved in the second half and scored their winner from a free-kick six minutes from the end, but earlier Stafuza had also netted the ball from a free-kick for Boca Juniors which the referee anulled because he said it was taken before the whistle.

Group 5 — February 17
Danubio (Uruguay) 4 (Peraira 3, Da Silva)
Penarol (Uruguay) 1 (Aguilera)
HT: 2-1. **Ref:** Ernestso Filippi (Uruguay). **Att:** 40,000.

Danubio: Zeoli, Da Luz (Gomez), Sanchez, Cabrera, Moas, Suarez, Pereira, Borges, Ruben Da Silva, Dalto, Kanapkis.

Penarol: Ferro, Herrera, Rotti, Goncalvez, Dos Santos, Saralegui, Perdomo, Da Silva, Aguilera, Baran, Villar (Correa).

DANUBIO surprised Penarol with the pretty soccer which had made them the sensation of the Uruguayan first division which they won. Penarol tried to attack and only managed it in the second half at the expense of leaving their defence uncovered which allowed Danubio to score further goals with fast, intelligent play.

STANDINGS

Group 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tachira (Venezueala)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Bahia (Brazil)	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Internacional (Brazil)	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Maritimo (Venuzuela)	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Group 3							
Emelec (Ecuador)	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Nacional (Colombia)	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Millonarios (Colombia)	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Dep.Quito (Ecuador)	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Group 4							
Sporting Cristal (Peru)	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Universitario (Peru)	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Racing Avell. (Argentina)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Boca Juniors (Argentina)	3	0	1	2	0	2	1
Group 5							
Danubio (Uraguay)	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Penarol (Uruguay)	2	1	0	1	3	5	2
Bolivar (Bolivia)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
The Strongest (Bolivia)	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

Top three from each group go into second round.

Bolivar (Bolivia) 0
The Strongest (Bolivia) 0
Ref: Rene Orihuela (Bolivia). **Att:** 45,000.

Bolivar: Barrero, Ibanez, Ferrufino, Arias, Cuevas, Borja, Soria, Urruti, Lopez, Salinas (Sanchez).

The Strongest: Gariazu, Montano, Fontana, Martinez, Illanes, Villegas, Coronado, Rocha, Luna, Jimenez, Ayaviri (Figueroa).

DEFENCES were on top of attacks in a poor match in which both teams played nervously.

February 21
The Strongest (Bolivia) 1 (Ortega)
Penarol (Uruguay) 2 (Agilera, Baran)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Estanislao Barrientos (Paraguay).
Att: 36,000.

The Strongest: Gaziazu, Montano, Martinez, Fontana, Illanes, Coronado, Villegas, Luna, Ortega, Jimenez, Ayaviri (Figueroa).

Penerol: Ferro, Pilas, Goncalvez, Rotti, Herrera, Da Silva, Perdomo (Sanchez), Aguilere, Saralegui, Baran, Villar (Gomez).

TIGHT defence and a 4-4-2 formation kept the Strongest out as they led 15 deep attacks in the first half to Penarol's one after 39 minutes from which the Uruguayan team scored. The Bolivian team's attacks became more desperate and although they managed to equalize after 68 minutes, the more practical Penarol scored the winner in a counter-attack six minutes later. Penarol effectively slowed the game down which suited them in the 3,600 metre altitude of La Paz.

SOUTH AMERICAN "RECOPA"

(Winners of Libertadores and Super Cups)

January 31 — 1st leg
Nacional (Uruguay) 1 (Fonseca)
Racing Avellaneda (Argentina) 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Romualdo Arpi Filho (Brazil).

Nacional: Sere, Gomez, Revelez, De Leon, Pintos Saldanha, Ostolaza, Cardaccio, Cabrera (Soca), Zoppi (Fonseca), Olivera, Castro.

Racing: Balerio, Vazquez, G.Costas, Fabbri, Olaran, Acuna, Lamadrid, Videla (Iglesias), Ortega Sanchez (Colomatti), Medina Bello, Fernandez.

IN this first match for the newly created "Recopa" between the Libertadores Cup holders and the Super Cup winners — which is for previous Libertadores Cup winners — both teams showed good defences and marking, but spelt danger in attack.

February 6 — 2nd leg
Racing Avellaneda (Argentina) 0
Nacional (Uruguay) 0
Ref: Gabriel Gonzolaz (Paraguay).

Racing: Balerio, Vazquez, G.Costas, Fabbri (Zaccanti), Olaran, Acuna, Lamadrid, Videla (Colombatti), Medina Bello, Iglesias, W.Fernandez.

Nacional: Sere, Gomez, Revelez, De Leon, Soca, Ostolaza, Cardaccio, Cabrera, Zoppi (Fonseca), Olivera (Saravia), Castro.

RACING dominated throughout the match and deserved better luck. Medina Bello hit the crossbar in the first half and Fernandez had a penalty saved by Sere in the second. Nacional became the first holders of the trophy on a 1-0 aggregate. Racing also had another penalty denied for handball while they had lost their international defender Fabbri through injury after only 24 minutes.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

San Jose — intl friendly
Costa Rica 2 (Guimaraes, Jara)
Poland 4 (K.Warzycha 8, 30, Kosecki 14, Urban 67)
HT: 1-3. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** Rodrigo Barilla (CR)

C.Rica: Barrentes — Saenz, Rores, Montero, Diaz — Rivera (Wanpche 79), Maroccheno, Guimaraes — Jara, Coronato, Medford.

Poland: Wandzik — Jegor, Kaczmarek, Lukasik, Wdowczyk (Szuster 31) — Tarasiewicz (Soczynski 79), Wijas (Rzepka 62), Prusik, Urban — K.Warzycha, Kosecki.

POLAND'S defence looked none too happy against the enthusiastic Costa Ricans but fortunately the hosts were even more unreliable under pressure.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Valletta — Malta tmt
Algeria 2 (Benabou 59, Hadj 83)
Finland 0
HT: 0-0.

ALGERIA opened the four-team Malta tournament with this useful win over a Finland side thinking ahead to a new domestic season as well as a continuation of a tough World Cup campaign against Holland, West Germany and Wales.

Valletta — Malta tmt
Malta 0
Denmark 2 (Elstrup 53pen, H.Larsen 83)
HT: 0-0.

Denmark: Schmeichel — J.Hansen, K.Nielsen, J.Larsen, H.Larsen — Helt, Moseby, Elstrup, B.Laudrup — Christensen I, Christensen II.

HOSTS Malta went into action in 'their' tournament without their most dangerous forward, Carmelo Busuttil, who was injured. Denmark had to rely on a home-based team but still deserved their victory acquired with two second-half goals. Their task was eased further when Brentford's John Buttigieg was sent off in the incident which provided Lars Elstrup with the chance to open the scoring from the penalty spot. Henrik Larsen completed the scoring after a Nielsen-Moseby move.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Valletta — Malta tmt
Algeria 0
Denmark 0
Att: 6,000.

Denmark: Schmeichel — K.Nielsen, L.Olsen, J.Larsen, H.Larsen — Helt, Moseby (Jansen 55), Molby, Elstrup, Hansen 70) — B.Laudrup, Christensen.

ALGERIA finished as winners of this Maltese tournament thanks to holding out against the Danes who needed to win to overtake their rivals in the points chase. Final points totals: Algeria five, Denmark four, Finland two, Malta one.

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Valletta — Malt tmt
Malta 0
Finland 0
Att: 6,000.

MALTA finished bottom of their tournament, collecting their only point courtesy of this last-match draw with the weakest of their rivals.

Guatemala City — intl friendly
Guatemala 0
Poland 1 (K.Warzycha 58)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 16,500. **Ref:** Burgos (Gua)

Guatemala: Piccinini — Davila, Wellman, Monzon, Ortiz Obregon (Rivera), Funes, Macdonald (Wesphal), Deballos, Chacon, De Leon (Batres), Paniagua.

Poland: Wandzik — Prusik, Kaczmarek, Lukasik, Wdowczyk (Jegor 75) — Szuster (Rzepka 46), Wijas (Soczynski 75), Tarasiewicz (Fornalak 46), Urban — K.Warzycha, Kosecki.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Cairo — intl friendly
Egypt 0
East Germany 4 (Kirsten 4, 83, Thom 42, 87)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 17,500. **Ref:** Mohammed Hussm (Eg)

Egypt: Shobeir — Ibrahim Hassan — Yakan, Ahmed Ramzi (Yassin 46), Hani Ramzi, Kassem — Maijoub, Soliman (Khaled Eid 46), Rassoul (Saleh 80) — El Kas (Galil 82), Hamid (Hussam Hassan 46).

E.Germany: Muller — Rohde — Scholz (Kohler 46), Trautmann, Lindner, Kreer — Doll (Marschall 70), Sammer, Steinmann (Bonan 78) — Kirsten, Thom.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Mexico City — intl friendly
Mexico 3 (Alves 6, Kaczmarek og 43, Moreno 48)
Poland 1 (Kosecki 79)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 22,000.

DESPITE being suspended from all FIFA competitions, Mexico have kept a national team alive — to useful effect judging by this victory. Luis Roberto Alves set them off to an ideal start with a sixth-minute goal. Either side of half-time there were further decisive strikes — first through a Zbigniew Kaczmarek own goal then through Paul Moreno. Roman Kosecki scored Poland's consolation 11 minutes from time. This was the only defeat Poland suffered in their four-match trip to central America.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Lisbon — WC Euro gp 7
Portugal 1 (Vitor Paneira 53)
Belgium 1 (Gerets 84)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Biguet (Fr)

Portugal: Silvino — Joao Pinto, Oliveira, Sobrinho, Veloso — Nunes, Vitor Paneira (Cesar Brito 85), Sousa, Semedo — Rui Barros, Futre (Ant.Pacheco 60).

Belgium: Preud'homme — Gerets, Grun, Demol (Van der Linden 77), De Wolf, Versavel, Emmers, Scifo, Franky Van der Elst, Ceulemans, Degryse.

THIS draw sent Belgium top of the group but they were very lucky. They made few attempts to force the game and defended at times desperately. After only six minutes Paneira was brought down just outside the penalty box. Preud'homme managed a desperate finger-tip save from Sousa's free kick and then saved acrobatically from Paulo Futre. Eight minutes into the second half Portugal went ahead. Franky Van der Elst misjudged a goal-line clearance from Rui Barros and Vitor Paneira shot the rebound home. This spurred Belgium to their first serious attacking effort of the game but it was not until Marc Van der Linden and rightback Eric Gerets combined for a lucky equaliser that they saved the point. Belgium's veteran manager Guy Thys said: "Portugal could have won so I consider the draw a fair result."

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Sofia — intl friendly
Bulgaria 1 (Kostadinov 22)
Soviet Union 2 (Borodyuk 34, Rats 55)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Peschel (EG)

Bulgaria: Valov — Kiriakov, Dochev, Bezinski, Iliev, Ivanov, Kostadinov, Sadkov (Todorov 75), Penv, Balakov (Yordanov 70), Stoichkov.

Sov.Union: Kharin (Chanov 46) — Gorlukovich (Belanov 46), Aleinikov, Kuznetsov, Demianenko, Rats, Yaremchuk (Cherednik 57), Litovchenko, Borodyuk, Protasov, Zigmantovich (Kalaichev 67).

DESPITE the 'friendly' billing both teams tried to make eluding defeat their priority. There was a lot of scrappy midfield play and few goal chances. Penev was the best of the Bulgarians, with Protasov, substitute Belanov and transfer target Vasily Rats the pick of the Soviets. A blunder by Kharin presented Kostadinov with the chance to head Bulgaria in front. But a similar error by Valov at the other end presented Borodyuk with the equaliser. The half-time introduction of Belanov had a marked effect on the Soviet attack and it was his angled pass which gave Rats the opportunity to outflank the Bulgarian defence and shoot the winner.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Pescara — intl friendly
Italy 1 (Bergomi 61)
Denmark 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Brummeier (Aus).

Italy: Zenga — Bergomi, Maldini, F.Baresi, Ferri (Ferrara 46), Berti, Donadoni (Crippa 68), De Napoli, Vialli (Borgonovo 74), Giannini, Serena.

Denmark: Schmeichel — J.Larsen (B.Kristensen 82), K.Nielsen, L.Olsen, Vilfort (Helt 76), J.Jensen (H.Larsen 70), Molby, Heintze, Bartram, Povlsen, B.Laudrup.

A SECOND-HALF goal by skipper Giuseppe Bergomi brought an unexpectedly hard-earned win for Italy in a niggling match they had hoped to win more easily. Italy should have had a penalty after ten minutes but Denmark escaped when Giuseppe Giannini was brought down by goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel. There were few other chances before Bergomi knocked in the only goal from close range after a Giannini free kick. Denmark recalled Jan Molby for his first international since his jail sentence for reckless driving and he was one of four players booked by referee Horst Brummeier. Other offenders were Vialli, Baresi and Maldini in a match halted 44 times for fouls. The nearest Denmark came to an equaliser was in the 72nd minute when Walter Zenga made an excellent reflex save from a drive by John Helt.

Athens — intl friendly
Greece 4 (Samaras 37, Vakalopulos 52, Tsaluhidis 57, Saravakos 62)
Norway 2 (Bratseth 51, Sorloth 66)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 1,500.

Greece: Hitsioudis — Apostolakis, Kalitzakis, Kutulas (Vakalopulos 52), Hadjithnasiou, Tsaluhidis, Marangos, Noblias (Kavuras 57), Economidis, Saravakos, Samaras.

Norway: By Rise — Bratseth, Kojedal, Giske, Lokken, Halle, O.Berg, Osvold, Gulbrandsen, Agdestein (J.I.Jakobsen 68), Sorloth.

A RUSH of five goals in 14 minutes early in the second half decided this match and provided Greece with only their second win of the season. The attendance was on a par with the crowd for the recent friendlies against Portugal and England but again this was a warm-up match staged on a working afternoon. Greece went ahead in the 37th minute when Yiannis Samaras converted a pass from Dimitris Saravakos. Rune Bratseth equalised after the interval witha header but Greece immediately went back onto the attack and regained the advantage when newly-arrived substitute Pagonis Vakalopulos took a pass from Samaras to score with his first touch of the ball. Stratos Apostolakis laid on No 3 for Yiotis Tsaluhidis and then Samaras created a fourth for Saravakos. Norway's second goal was a Goran Sorloth header after a corner.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Tirana — WC Euro gp 2
Albania 0
England 2 (Barnes 16, Robson 63)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Blankenstein (Hol)

Albania: Mersini — Zmijani, Josa, Hodja, Gega, Jera, Shehu, Lekbello, Millo (Majaci 75), Minga, Demollari.

England: Shilton — Stevens, Pearce, Webb, Walker, Butcher, Robson, Rocastle, Waddle (Beardsley 79), Lineker (Smith 79), Barnes.

GOALS from John Barnes and Bryan Robson — skippering England for the 50th time — brought a crucial victory for England. It was the first time in eight years that Albania had been beaten by two goals at home and the margin of England's victory might have been tighter but for some superb goalkeeping by Peter Shilton in the latter stages of the first half. Barnes shot England ahead after Waddle chested down a Stevens cross and Lineker had a shot blocked. Barnes was also the creator of goal No 2, his free kick being headed down into the net by Robson. In the first half in particular, however, Albania's neat attack often caught England's defence at sixes and sevens. The nippy and dangerous Shehu had two efforts well saved by Shilton. England manager Bobby Robson gambled with the untried central attacking partnership of Lineker and Waddle but was happy with the result. He said: "The team did well and we are back on course. Shilton, in particular, did a good job and Robson was Captain Marvel. It was an awkward match because of the hard pitch as the ball was bouncing all over the place. But we feel we can now win our next two matches and that would be enough to qualify for the finals." Albania manager Shyqyri Rreli said: "England were too strong for us today. They were much quicker to the ball and we never looked like beating them."

Budapest — WC Euro gp 6
Hungary 0
Rep.Ireland 0
Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Petrovic (Yug).

Hungary: P.Disztl — Kozma, L.Disztl, Z.Bognar, Sass — E.Kovacs, Detari, Hajszan, Gregor (Boda 77) — Kiprich, Meszaros (G.Bognar 46).

Rep.Ireland: Bonner — Morris, McCarthy, Moran, Hughton — Houghton, McGrath, Whelan, Sheedy — Aldridge (Brady 80), Cascarino (Quinn 80).

JACK Charlton's Irishman kept their qualifying hopes alive with this draw in a dour and uninspiring match. There was little goalmouth action. McGrath came closest to an Irish goal with a 30th-minute overhead effort which forced a magnificent reflex save from Disztl. Hungary came close two minutes later when Sass had a shot saved by Bonner's legs. In the second half Detari made an increasing impression and once was unfortunate that a fierce shot was deflected into Bonner's arms by an inadvertant defensive touch.

Glasgow/Hampden — WC Euro gp 5
Scotland 2 (Johnston 28 and 52)
France 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 65,204. **Ref:** Stiegler (Cz)

Scotland: Leighton — Gough, Malpas, Aitken, McLeish, Gillespie, Micol, McStay, McCoist (McClair 69), Ferguson (Strachan 56), Johnston.

France: Bats — Amoros, Silvestre, Sonor, Battiston, Sauzee, Durand (Paille 57), Laurey, Papin, Blanc, Xuereb (Perez 70).

MICHEL Platini is still looking for a victory after three matches as international manager of France. If he is still looking by the summer then he may also be looking for a new involvement in the game. France played some fine football inbetween times, but the Scots' relentless passion for victory finally overwhelmed them. Mo Johnston, ironically a hero of Nantes, was the major destructive influence. His first goal — accompanied by French claims of offside — followed a long Gary Gillespie free kick into the penalty box. His second was Bats-aided — the French goalkeeper lucklessly knocking the ball inside the post with one first after saving Johnston's original header with the other. Scotland goalkeeper Jim Leighton made two fine saves — one from a Laurey drive in the first half, another from a stylish Papin flick-on-the-run in the second.

Athens — intl friendly
Greece 3 (Saravakos 22 and 58, Waal og 29)
East Germany 2 (Halata 54, Thom 66)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Longhi (It)

Greece: Economopulos — Apostolakis, Hatzithanasiou, Kalintzakis, Manolas (Kutulas 46); Vakalopulos 70), Tsaluhidis, Noblias, Kavurs (Borbokis 81), Saravakos, Bonovas, Tsiantakis (Marangos 79).

E.Germany: Muller — Schossler, Linder, Rohde, Kreer, Stubner, Thom, Halata (Trautmann 65), Waal (Doll 46), Sammer, Kirsten.

TWO goals from Dimitris Saravakos carried Greece to a rare victory in a friendly which served as a World Cup warm-up for both sides. Saravakos opened the scoring after 22 minutes, converting a Bonovas pass. Seven minutes later Waal deflected a Saravakos free kick beyond his own

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goalkeeper for No 2. In the 38th minute Damian Halata began an East German recovery with a shot which struck the Greek bar. He finally scored in the 54th minute after a pass from Schossler. But four minutes later Greece re-established their two-goal advantage when Saravakos fired a 25-yard drive beyond back-in-favour Rene Muller. A similar effort at the other end from Andreas Thom kept the scoreline respectable for the East Germans.

OTHER MATCHES

Jan 20: Iran 2, Japan 2.
Feb 3: Chile 3, Colombia Youth XIU 0.
Feb 7: Werder Bremen 1, Sov.Union 1 (Werder 4-3 pens).
Feb 9: Internazionale 2, Sov.Union 2 (Rummenigge testimonial).
Feb 11: Bellinzona 2, Sov.Union 4 — Montpellier 3, Belgium 0.
Feb 14: Cosenza 0, Sov.Union 2 — Arsenal 2, France 0.
Feb 15: Italy U21 1, France U21 0 — France B 1, Holland B 0.
Feb 16: Egypt Olympic XI 0, East Germany 1.
Feb 20: Albania 4, Albania Youth 0.

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Final: Torino 1, Roma 0. **3rd place:** Inter 1, Parma 0.

Professional League

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Mineros Guyana	17	8	8	1	24
Perpeganga	17	9	6	2	24
Maritimo	17	9	5	3	23
Caracas FC	17	7	7	3	21
Zamora	17	7	7	3	21
Tachira	18	8	5	5	21
Portuguesa	17	8	3	6	19
Lara	17	6	6	5	18
Univ. de los Andes	17	6	5	6	17
Galicia	19	3	11	5	17
Italia	16	6	4	6	16
Minerven	17	4	8	5	16
Anzoategui	16	5	3	8	13
Estudiantes	17	3	7	7	13
Arroceros	17	1	3	13	5
Peninsulares	16	—	4	12	4

Group 1: 1) Amercia 24 points; 2) Monterrey 17; 3) Cruz Azul 16; 4) Irampuato 12; 5) Toluca 12.
Group 2: 1) Puebla 26; 2) Atlante 22; 3) Universidad de Guadalajar 17; 4) Santos 15; 5) Universidad de Nuevo Leon 14.
Group 3: 1) Tampico Madero 21; 2) At. Morelia 20) 3) Necexa, Guadalajara 18; 5) At. Potosino 9.
Group 4: 1) Universidad Autonoma de Mexico 24; 2) Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara 23; 3) Correcaminos 19; 4) Cobras 17; 5) Atlas 16.

ARGENTINA

National A Division

	P	W	WP	LP	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
Boca Juniors	23	13	4	2	4	31	19	49
Independiente	23	11	4	4	4	37	23	45
Racing Club (Avellane) (1)	23	11	4	4	4	32	22	45
Argentinos Juniors	23	10	5	4	4	37	22	44
Gimnasia y Esg. La Plata	23	9	3	6	5	23	17	42
Deportivo Español	23	9	4	5	5	25	14	40
River Plate	23	10	2	4	7	42	27	38
Estudiantes La Plata	23	8	4	6	5	25	21	38
San Lorenzo	23	8	6	1	8	39	28	37
Talleres Córdoba	23	7	4	5	7	29	32	34
Newell's Old Boys (2)	23	6	5	5	7	22	22	33
Platense	23	7	5	2	9	19	26	33
Rosario Central (2)	23	5	5	5	8	33	34	30
San Martin Tucuman	23	7	1	7	8	27	31	30
Ferro Carril Oeste	23	5	5	5	8	20	24	30
Racing Córdoba	23	6	4	1	12	21	37	27
Velez Sarsfield	23	4	7	1	11	23	36	26
Dep. Mandiyú Corrientes	23	3	5	6	9	22	33	25
Dep. Armenio	23	3	4	5	11	18	35	22
Instituto Córdoba	23	4	—	7	12	22	39	19

WP — won on penalties; LP — lost on penalties.

(1) Lose two points and (2) one point at end of championship.

Relegation — bottom placings (average points obtained over last three seasons): Talleres Córdoba 0.88; Platense 0.86; Racing Córdoba 0.81; Deportivo Armenio 0.80; Dep. Mandiyú 0.73. (Bottom two relegated.)

COSTA RICA

First Division

1) Herediano 32 points; 2) Saprissa 30; 3) Alajuelense, Puntarenas 25; 5) Limon 24; 6) Cartagines 23; 7) Guanacaste 19; 8) Uruguay 18; 9) San Ramon 18; 10) San Carlos 16.

EL SALVADOR

First Division

1) Cojutepeque 41 points; 2) Angel Firpo 39; 3) Aguila, FAS, Acajutla 37; 6) Marte 36; 7) Metapan 33; 8) Alianza, Chalatenango 28; 10) El Transito 25 — Top four qualify for final round after two more games.

ENGLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	29	16	8	8	55	30	56
Norwich City	27	15	8	4	40	28	53
Millwall	28	14	7	7	42	31	49
Liverpool	27	13	9	5	44	21	48
Nottingham Forest	27	10	12	5	39	30	42
Coventry City	29	11	9	9	37	31	42
Derby County	27	12	6	9	31	25	42
Tottenham	30	10	11	9	44	40	41
Manchester United	26	10	10	6	35	21	40
Wimbledon	26	11	5	10	32	31	38
Everton	27	9	9	9	32	31	36
QPR	28	7	10	11	26	25	31
Aston Villa	29	7	10	12	35	44	31
Middlesbrough	28	8	7	13	31	44	31
Luton Town	29	7	9	13	28	39	30
Sheffield Wed	28	7	9	12	23	27	30
Southampton	27	6	11	10	39	51	29
Charlton	29	6	11	12	33	45	29
Newcastle United	28	6	8	14	26	47	26
West Ham	25	4	7	14	21	42	19

SCOTLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	28	19	4	5	48	21	42
Dundee United	28	14	11	4	39	18	38
Aberdeen	28	13	12	3	39	22	38
Celtic	28	17	2	9	58	37	36
Hibernian	28	11	8	9	29	27	30
St Mirren	28	6	10	12	27	33	22
Hearts	28	6	10	12	27	33	22
Motherwell	28	5	9	14	25	37	19
Dundee	28	5	9	14	23	38	19
Hamilton	28	3	2	23	14	65	8

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV Eindhoven	25	18	3	4	59	26	39
Ajax	25	15	5	5	53	28	35
FC Twente Enschede	25	9	13	3	36	18	31
Feyenoord	24	12	5	7	48	35	29
FC Groningen	25	11	7	7	52	35	29
Roda JC	25	10	9	6	38	27	29
Fortuna Sittard	25	10	7	8	31	26	27
Den Bosch	25	10	6	9	33	41	26
Haarlem	25	9	7	9	30	34	25
Sparta	25	7	9	9	32	37	23
KVV Maastricht	25	8	7	10	35	43	23
Volendam	25	9	4	12	33	43	22
FC Utrecht	24	8	5	11	35	41	21
PEC Zwolle	25	7	6	12	38	47	20
RKC	25	7	5	13	40	50	19
SC Veendem	25	7	4	14	27	45	18
Willen II	25	4	9	12	34	56	17
VVV Venlo	25	4	9	12	34	56	17

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica	30	21	7	2	46	11	49
Porto	30	15	13	2	39	14	43
Boavista	30	15	8	7	43	22	38
Sporting	30	14	8	8	41	24	36
Sporting	30	14	8	8	41	24	36
Nacional	30	12	8	10	39	37	32
Guimaraes	30	11	10	9	28	23	32
Braga	30	12	8	10	35	31	32
Setubal	30	12	8	10	36	31	32
Chaves	30	12	7	11	32	27	31
Belenenses	30	9	13	8	35	25	31
Amadora	30	1	9	10	25	30	31
Maritimo	30	8	12	10	31	30	28
Penafiel	30	9	10	11	27	30	28
Beira Mar	30	8	10	12	25	31	26
Portimonense	30	8	10	12	24	30	26
Espinho	30	8	7	15	34	49	23
Leixoes	30	7	8	15	22	35	22
Fafe	30	6	10	14	19	40	22
Farense	30	6	9	15	22	16	21
Viseu	30	5	7	18	17	54	17

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lucerne	1	1	0	0	2	1	16
Wettingen	1	1	0	0	2	0	14
Sion	1	1	0	0	3	2	14
Belinzona	1	0	1	0	0	0	14
Grasshoppers	1	0	0	1	0	2	14
Xamax	1	0	1	0	0	0	13
Young Boys	1	0	0	1	1	2	12
Servette	1	0	0	1	2	3	11

Note: Includes first round points.

WEST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	22	12	10	0	42	17	34
Koln	22	12	5	5	37	17	29
Werder Bremen	22	11	7	4	36	22	29
Hamburg	21	11	5	5	39	22	27
Stuttgart	22	10	5	7	38	21	25
Borussia Mg	21	7	10	4	28	25	24
Bayer Uerdingen	22	7	10	5	32	26	24
Bayer Leverkusen	22	7	10	5	30	26	21
Karlsruhe	22	9	5	8	33	31	23
St Pauli	22	6	11	5	24	21	23
Borussia D'mund	22	6	10	6	33	24	22
Kaiserslautern	22	6	10	6	32	27	22
Bochum	21	6	6	9	23	29	18
Nurnberg	22	6	4	12	24	38	16
Eint. Frankfurt	22	5	5	12	14	35	15
Waldhof Mannheim	22	2	9	11	21	41	13
Hannover	22	3	7	12	20	40	13
Stut. Kickers	21	3	5	13	20	40	13

ALBANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
17 Nentori	21	13	4	4	37	17	30
Dinamo	21	12	6	3	28	17	30
Partizani	21	13	3	5	32	16	29
Apolonia	21	10	6	5	28	9	26
Baselidhja	21	10	4	7	26	21	24
Vilaznia	21	9	3	9	27	25	21
Labinoti	21	8	5	8	25	23	21
Flamurtari	21	8	2	11	23	28	18
Besa	21	7	1	13	27	34	15
Lokomotiva	21	4	6	11	14	31	14
Skenderbeu	21	4	6	11	13	28	14
Traktori	21	3	4	14	11	41	10

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tirol	23	16	3	4	51	25	19
Admira Wac	23	13	6	4	46	28	17
Austria	23	12	7	4	55	27	16
Rapid	23	11	4	8	40	26	14
St. Pölten	23	10	5	8	34	36	13
Wiener SK	23	9	4	10	42	43	12
First Vienne	23	6	10	7	31	39	11
Grazer AK	23	7	8	8	27	38	11

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mechelen	25	19	5	1	50	14	43
Anderlecht	25	16	6	3	62	25	38
FC Liège	25	13	8	4	49	17	34
Antwerp	25	12	9	4	48	28	33
Brugge	25	12	8	5	48	29	32
Standard	25	12	6	7	38	30	30
Kurtrijk	25	7	12	6	38	32	26
St-Trond	25	10	6	9	32	37	26
Waregem	25	10	4	11	39	38	24
Beveren	25	9	5	11	31	33	23
Charleroi	25	5	11	9	22	39	21
Lokeren	25	6	8	11	31	41	20
Lierse	25	7	6	12	18	37	20
Beerschot	25	5	8	12	27	42	18
RC Mechelen	25	6	5	14	26	47	17
Molenbeek	25	7	3	15	23	47	17
Cercle	25	5	6	14	25	37	16
RC Genk	25	2	8	15	15	49	12

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Inter Milan	21	16	4	1	38	10	36
Napoli	21	14	5	2	41	14	33
Sampdoria	21	11	8	2	31	12	30
Milan	21	10	7	4	38	16	27
Atalanta	21	7	11	3	21	16	25
Juventus	21	8	8	5	29	25	24
Fiorentina	21	8	5	8	30	30	21
Roma	21	6	8	7	21	26	20
Verona	21	4	11	6	13	17	19
Bologna	21	7	5	9	19	25	19
Pescara	21	5	8	8	21	30	18
Lazio	21	2	12	7	15	21	16
Torino	21	5	6	10	21	30	16
Como	21	5	6	10	16	28	16
Lecce	21	5	6	10	14	27	16
Cesena	21	3	9	9	12	24	15
Pisa	21	3	8	10	10	25	14
Ascoli	21	4	5	12	16	30	13

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	24	17	7	0	62	24	41
Barcelona	25	16	6	3	54	20	38
Valencia	25	11	9	5	24	18	31
Atl. Madrid	25	12	5	8	44	31	29
Celta	24	11	7	6	25	24	29
Bilbao	25	9	9	7	28	24	27
Gijon	25	10	7	8	28	26	27
Valladolid	25	11	4	10	24	19	26
Osasuna	24	9	8	7	29	27	26
Oviedo	25	9	7	9	28	26	25
Sevilla	25	7	10	8	25	25	24
Logrones	25	7	10	8	16	21	24
Zaragoza	25	7	9	9	28	34	23
Real Sociedad	24	7	9	8	23	29	23
Cadiz	25	5	9	11	18	28	19
Malaga	25	6	7	12	23	34	19
Betis	25	4	10	11	24	38	18
Murcia	25	7	4	14	22	39	18
Espanol	25	3	11	11	21	34	17
Elche	25	4	4	17	17	42	12

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marseille	29	15	11	3	44	26	56
Paris SG	29	15	9	5	34	20	54
Auxerre	29	16	5	8	34	24	43
Sochaux	29	14	10	5	36	19	52
Monaco	29	12	11	6	41	29	47
Nantes	29	13	8	8	36	32	47
Lille	29	12	8	9	34	28	44
Nice	29	12	8	9	34	33	44
Montpellier	29	11	9	9	39	38	42
Cannes	29	12	5	12	37	37	41
Metz	29	11	7	11	37	32	40
Toulon	29	10	10	9	22	21	40
Toulouse	29	9	12	8	34	33	39
Bordeaux	29	8	11	10	38	33	35
St. Etienne	29	9	7	13	29	42	34
Matra Racing	29	7	7	15	36	45	28
Strasburg	29	8	4	17	36	48	28
Caen	29	7	7	15	25	43	28
Laval	29	6	8	15	25	31	26
Lens	29	2	5	22	28	57	11

CYPRUS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Omonia	22	13	7	2	45	16	33
Apollon	22	12	9	1	45	19	33
Apoel	22	12	4	6	38	31	28
Anortosi	21	10	7	4	29	19	27
Pezoporikos	20	6	10	4	24	20	22
Apop	22	8	6	8	30	33	22
Salamina	20	6	9	5	37	27	21
AEL	21	6	9	6	33	27	21
Paralimni	21	5	10	6	26	35	20
Olympiakos	21	4	10	7	30	32	18
Aris	22	5	8	9	26	30	18
EPA	21	5	7	9	24	28	17
Keravnos	21	5	7	9	21	28	17
Ethnikos	21	6	5	10	23	37	17
Aradippu	21	1	2	18	12	62	14

GREECE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AEK Athens	23	15	4	4	37	16	34
Olympiakos	23	13	6	4	38	16	32
Iraklis	23	10	9	4	33	21	29
Panathinaikos	23	10	7	6	34	21	27
PAOK	23	10	7	6	28	21	27
OFI Crete	23	10	6	7	30	26	26
Larissa	23	8	10	5	27	23	26
Aris	23	8	9	6	20	15	25
Doxa	23	7	7	9	23	24	21
Panionios	23	8	5	10	24	27	21
Levadiakos	23	6	7	10	22	34	19
Olymp. Volos	23	4	10	9	24	33	18
Apollon	23	5	7	11	23	30	17
Diagoras	23	4	9	10	18	32	17
Ethikos	23	3	9	11	19	38	15
Kalamaria	23	3	8	12	19	42	14

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EUROPE

GROUP 1

19.10.88	Greece v Denmark	1-1
19.10.88	Bulgaria v Rumania	1-3
2.11.88	Rumania v Greece	3-0
2.11.88	Denmark v Bulgaria	1-1
26. 4.89	Greece v Rumania	
26. 4.89	Bulgaria v Denmark	
17. 5.89	Rumania v Bulgaria	
17. 5.89	Denmark v Greece	
11.10.89	Bulgaria v Greece	
11.10.89	Denmark v Rumania	
15.11.89	Greece v Bulgaria	
15.11.89	Rumania v Denmark	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Denmark	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Bulgaria	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Greece	2	0	1	1	1	4	1

GROUP 2

19.10.88	England v Sweden	0-0
19.10.88	Poland v Albania	1-0
5.11.88	Albania v Sweden	1-2
8. 3.89	Albania v England	0-2
26. 4.89	England v Albania	
7. 5.89	Sweden v Poland	
3. 6.89	England v Poland	
6. 9.89	Sweden v England	
8.10.89	Sweden v Albania	
11.10.89	Poland v England	
25.10.89	Poland v Sweden	
15.11.89	Albania v Poland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Sweden	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Poland	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Albania	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

GROUP 3

31. 8.88	Iceland v Soviet Union	1-1
12.10.88	Turkey v Iceland	1-1
19.10.88	Soviet Union v Austria	2-0
19.10.88	East Germany v Iceland	2-0
2.11.88	Austria v Turkey	3-2
30.11.88	Turkey v East Germany	3-1
12. 4.89	East Germany v Turkey	
26. 4.89	Soviet Union v East Germany	
10. 5.89	Turkey v Soviet Union	
17. 5.89	East Germany v Austria	
31. 5.89	Soviet Union v Iceland	
14. 6.89	Iceland v Austria	
23. 8.89	Austria v Iceland	
6. 9.89	Austria v Soviet Union	
6. 9.89	Iceland v East Germany	
20. 9.89	Iceland v Turkey	
25.10.89	East Germany v Soviet Union	
25.10.89	Turkey v Austria	
8.11.89	Soviet Union v Turkey	
15.11.89	Austria v East Germany	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Turkey	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
East Germany	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Iceland	3	0	2	1	2	2	2
Austria	2	1	0	1	3	4	2

GROUP 4

31. 8.88	Finland v West Germany	0-4
14. 9.88	Holland v Wales	1-0
19.10.88	Wales v Finland	2-2
19.10.88	West Germany v Holland	0-0
26. 4.89	Holland v West Germany	
31. 5.89	Wales v West Germany	
31. 5.89	Finland v Holland	
6. 9.89	Finland v Wales	
4.10.89	West Germany v Finland	
11.10.89	Wales v Holland	
15.11.89	West Germany v Wales	
15.11.89	Holland v Finland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Germany	2	1	1	0	4	0	3
Holland	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Wales	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Finland	2	0	1	1	2	6	0

GROUP 5

14. 9.88	Norway v Scotland	1-2
28. 9.88	France v Norway	1-0
19.10.88	Scotland v Yugoslavia	1-1
22.10.88	Cyprus v France	1-1
2.11.88	Cyprus v Norway	0-3
19.11.88	Yugoslavia v France	3-2
11.12.88	Yugoslavia v Cyprus	4-0
8. 2.89	Cyprus v Scotland	2-3
8. 3.89	Scotland v France	2-0
22. 4.89	Scotland v Cyprus	
29. 4.89	France v Yugoslavia	
16. 5.89	Norway v Cyprus	
14. 6.89	Norway v Yugoslavia	
5. 9.89	Norway v France	
6. 9.89	Yugoslavia v Scotland	
11.10.89	Yugoslavia v Norway	
11.10.89	France v Scotland	
28.10.89	Cyprus v Yugoslavia	
15.11.89	Scotland v Norway	
18.11.89	France v Cyprus	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	4	3	1	0	8	4	7
Yugoslavia	3	2	1	0	8	3	5
France	4	1	1	2	4	6	3
Norway	3	1	0	2	4	3	2
Cyprus	4	0	1	3	3	11	1

GROUP 6

21. 5.88	Northern Ireland v Malta	3-0
14. 9.88	Northern Ireland v Rep. Ireland	0-0
19.10.88	Hungary v Northern Ireland	1-0
16.11.88	Spain v Rep. Ireland	2-0
11.12.88	Malta v Hungary	2-2
21.12.88	Spain v Northern Ireland	4-0
22. 1.89	Malta v Spain	0-2
8. 2.89	Northern Ireland v Spain	0-2
8. 3.89	Hungary v Rep. Ireland	0-0
22. 3.89	Spain v Malta	
12. 4.89	Hungary v Malta	
26. 4.89	Malta v Northern Ireland	
26. 4.89	Rep. Ireland v Spain	
28. 5.89	Rep. Ireland v Malta	
4. 6.89	Rep. Ireland v Hungary	
6. 9.89	Northern Ireland v Hungary	
11.10.89	Hungary v Spain	
11.10.89	Rep. Ireland v Northern Ireland	
15.11.89	Spain v Hungary	
15.11.89	Malta v Rep. Ireland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	4	4	0	0	10	0	8
Hungary	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Northern Ireland	5	1	1	3	3	7	3
Rep. Ireland	3	0	2	1	0	2	2
Malta	3	0	1	2	2	7	1

GROUP 7

1. 9.88	Luxembourg v Switzerland	1-4
19.10.88	Luxembourg v Czechoslovakia	0-2
19.10.88	Belgium v Switzerland	1-0
16.11.88	Czechoslovakia v Belgium	0-0
16.11.88	Portugal v Luxembourg	1-0
15. 2.89	Portugal v Belgium	1-1
29. 4.89	Portugal v Switzerland	
30. 4.89	Belgium v Czechoslovakia	
10. 5.89	Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg	
7. 6.89	Luxembourg v Belgium	
7. 6.89	Switzerland v Czechoslovakia	
6. 9.89	Belgium v Portugal	
20. 9.89	Switzerland v Portugal	
6.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Portugal	
11.10.89	Luxembourg v Portugal	
11.10.89	Switzerland v Belgium	
25.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Switzerland	
25.10.89	Belgium v Luxembourg	
15.11.89	Portugal v Czechoslovakia	
15.11.89	Switzerland v Luxembourg	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
Czechoslovakia	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Portugal	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Switzerland	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	1	7	0

Winners and runners-up from groups 3, 5, 6 and 7 qualify for the finals along with the winners of groups 1, 2 and 4 plus the two runners-up from groups 1, 2, and 4 with the best comparative records.

AFRICA

ROUND 1

7. 8.88	Angola v Sudan	0-0
11.11.88	Sudan v Angola	1-2
	Angola 2-1 on agg	
	Zimbabwe w/o v Lesotho	
	Zambia w/o v Rwanda (withdrew)	
16. 7.88	Uganda v Malawi	1-0
30. 7.88	Malawi v Uganda	3-1
	Malawi 3-2 on agg	
3. 6.89	Libya v Burkino Faso	3-0
3. 7.89	Burkino Faso v Libya	2-0
	Libya 3-2 on agg	
7. 8.88	Ghana v Liberia	0-0
21. 8.88	Liberia v Ghana	2-0
	Liberia 2-0 on agg	
5. 8.88	Tunisia v Guinea	5-0
21. 8.88	Guinea v Tunisia	3-0
	Tunisia 5-3 on agg	
	Gabon w/o v Togo	

ROUND 2

Group A

6. 1.89	Algeria v Zimbabwe	3-0
8. 1.89	Ivory Coast v Libya	1-0
20. 1.89	Libya v Algeria	0-2
	(Libya withdrew: Algeria walk-over)	
22. 1.89	Zimbabwe v Ivory Coast	0-0
11. 6.89	Ivory Coast v Algeria	
11. 6.89	Zimbabwe v Libya	
23. 6.89	Libya v Ivory Coast	
25. 6.89	Zimbabwe v Algeria	
11. 8.89	Algeria v Libya	
13. 8.89	Ivory Coast v Zimbabwe	
25. 8.89	Algeria v Ivory Coast	
25. 8.89	Libya v Zimbabwe	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Algeria	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Ivory Coast	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Zimbabwe	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Libya	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

Group B

6. 1.89	Egypt v Liberia	2-0
7. 1.89	Kenya v Malawi	1-1
21. 1.89	Malawi v Egypt	1-1
22. 1.89	Liberia v Kenya	0-0
10. 6.89	Kenya v Egypt	
11. 6.89	Liberia v Malawi	
24. 6.89	Malawi v Kenya	
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11. 8.89	Egypt v Malawi	
12. 8.89	Kenya v Liberia	
25. 8.89	Egypt v Kenya	
26. 8.89	Malawi v Liberia	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Egypt	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Malawi	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Kenya	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Liberia	2	0	1	1	0	2	1

Group C

7. 1.89	Nigeria v Gabon	1-0
8. 1.89	Cameroon v Angola	1-1
22. 1.89	Gabon v Cameroon	1-3
22. 1.89	Angola v Nigeria	2-2
10. 6.89	Nigeria v Cameroon	
10. 6.89	Angola v Gabon	
25. 6.89	Gabon v Nigeria	
12. 8.89	Nigeria v Angola	
13. 8.89	Cameroon v Gabon	
27. 8.89	Cameroon v Nigeria	
27. 8.89	Gabon v Angola	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cameroon	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Nigeria	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Angola	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Gabon	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Group D

8. 1.89	Morocco v Zambia	1-0
8. 1.89	Zaire v Tunisia	3-1
22. 1.89	Tunisia v Morocco	2-1
22. 1.89	Zambia v Zaire	4-2
11. 6.89	Zaire v Morocco	
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13. 8.89	Zaire v Tunisia	

25. 8.89 Tunisia v Zambia
27. 8.89 Morocco v Zaire

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zambia	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Zaire	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
Morocco	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Tunisia	2	1	0	1	3	4	2

ROUND 3

Winners Gp 1 v Winners Gp 2; Winners Gp 3 v Winners Gp 4. Aggregate winning teams qualify for the finals.

ASIA

WEST ASIA

Group 1: Jordan, Iraq, Oman, Qatar.

6. 1.89 Qatar v Jordan 1-0
6. 1.89 Oman v Iraq 1-1
13. 1.89 Oman v Qatar 0-0
13. 1.89 Jordan v Iraq 0-1
20. 1.89 Jordan v Oman 2-0
20. 1.89 Qatar v Iraq 1-0
27. 1.89 Jordan v Qatar 1-1
27. 1.89 Iraq v Oman 3-0
3. 2.89 Qatar v Oman 3-0
3. 2.89 Iraq v Jordan 4-0
10. 2.89 Oman v Jordan 0-2
10. 2.89 Iraq v Qatar 2-2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Qatar	6	3	3	0	8	3	9
Iraq	6	3	2	1	11	5	8
Jordan	6	2	1	3	5	7	5
Oman	6	0	2	4	2	11	2

Group 2 (Bahrain withdrew)

10. 3.89 Yemen AR v Syria 0-1
15. 3.89 Saudi Arabia v Syria 5-4
20. 3.89 Yemen AR v Saudi Arabia 0-1
25. 3.89 Syria v Yemen AR
30. 3.89 Syria v Saudi Arabia
5. 4.89 Saudi Arabia v Yemen AR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S. Arabia	2	2	0	0	6	4	4
Syria	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Yemen AR	2	0	0	2	0	2	0

Group 3: UAE, Kuwait, Pakistan (RP 'South' Yemen withdrew).

6. 1.89 Pakistan v Kuwait 0-1
13. 1.89 Kuwait v UAE 3-2
20. 1.89 UAE v Pakistan 5-0
27. 1.89 Kuwait v Pakistan 2-0
3. 2.89 UAE v Kuwait 1-0
10. 2.89 Pakistan v UAE 1-4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UAE	4	3	0	1	12	4	6
Kuwait	4	3	0	1	6	3	6
Pakistan	4	0	0	4	1	2	0

EAST ASIA

Group 4: (India withdrew so Nepal switched from Group 5)

Following matches all in S. Korea:

23. 5.89 Malaysia v Nepal
23. 5.89 Singapore v S. Korea
25. 5.89 Malaysia v Singapore
25. 5.89 Nepal v S. Korea
27. 5.89 Singapore v Nepal
27. 5.89 S. Korea v Malaysia

Following matches all in Singapore:

3. 6.89 Singapore v Malaysia
3. 6.89 S. Korea v Nepal
5. 6.89 Malaysia v S. Korea
5. 6.89 Nepal v Singapore
7. 6.89 Singapore v S. Korea
7. 6.89 Malaysia v Nepal

Group 5

20. 2.89 Thailand v Bangladesh 1-0
23. 2.89 China v Bangladesh 2-0
23. 2.89 Thailand v Iran 0-3
27. 2.89 Bangladesh v Iran 1-2
28. 2.89 Thailand v China 0-3
4. 3.89 Bangladesh v China 0-2
5. 3.89 Iran v Thailand OFF
8. 3.89 Bangladesh v Thailand 3-1
17. 3.89 Iran v Bangladesh
11. 6.89 China v Iran
21. 6.89 Iran v China
28. 6.89 China v Thailand

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
China	3	3	0	0	7	0	6
Iran	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Bangladesh	5	1	0	4	4	8	2
Thailand	4	1	0	3	2	9	2

Group 6

21. 5.89 Indonesia v N.Korea
21. 5.89 Hong Kong v Japan
27. 5.89 Hong Kong v N. Korea
28. 5.89 Indonesia v Japan
4. 6.89 Hong Kong v Indonesia
4. 6.89 Japan v N. Korea
11. 6.89 N. Korea v Hong Kong
11. 6.89 Japan v Indonesia
18. 6.89 N. Korea v Indonesia
18. 6.89 Japan v Hong Kong
25. 6.89 Indonesia v Hong Kong
25. 6.89 N. Korea v Japan

Winners of all groups play off in a league system with top two teams qualifying for the finals.

NORTH/CENTRAL AMERICA

round 1

19. 6.88 Antigua v Neth. Antilles 0-1
29. 7.88 Neth. Antilles v Antigua 3-1
Neth. Antilles 4-1 on agg
12. 5.88 Jamaica v Puerto Rico 1-0
29. 5.88 Puerto Rico v Jamaica 1-2
Jamaica 3-1 on agg
17. 4.88 Guyana v Trinidad/Tobago 0-4
8. 5.88 Trinidad/Tobago v Guyana 1-0
Trinidad/Tobago 5-0 on agg
17. 7.88 Costa Rica v Panama 1-1
31. 7.88 Panama v Costa Rica 0-2
Costa Rica 3-1 on agg
30. 4.88 Cuba v Guatemala 0-1
15. 5.88 Guatemala v Cuba 1-1
Guatemala 2-1 on agg

Round Two

1.10.88 Neth. Antilles v El Salvador 0-1
16.10.88 El Salvador v Neth. Antilles 5-0
El Salvador 6-0 on agg
30.10.88 Trinidad/Tobago v Honduras 0-0
13.11.88 Honduras v Trinidad/Tobago 1-1
Trinidad/Tobago on away goal: 1-1 agg
24. 7.88 Jamaica v United States 0-0
31. 7.88 United States v Jamaica 5-1
United States 5-1 on agg
9.10.88 Guatemala v Canada 1-0
15.10.88 Canada v Guatemala 3-2
Guatemala on away goals: 3-3 agg
Costa Rica w/o v Mexico

Round Three

19. 3.89 Guatemala v Costa Rica 1-0
2. 4.89 Costa Rica v Guatemala
16. 4.89 Costa Rica v United States
30. 4.89 United States v Costa Rica
13. 5.89 United States v Trin/Tobago
26. 5.89 Trin/Tobago v Costa Rica
10. 6.89 United States v Guatemala
11. 6.89 Costa Rica v Trin/Tobago
25. 6.89 El Salvador v Costa Rica
9. 7.89 El Salvador v United States
16. 7.89 Costa Rica v El Salvador
30. 7.89 Trin/Tobago v El Salvador
13. 8.89 El Salvador v Trin/Tobago
20. 8.89 Guatemala v Trin/Tobago
3. 9.89 Trin/Tobago v Guatemala
8.10.89 Guatemala v United States
5.11.89 United States v El Salvador
19.11.89 Trin/Tobago v United States
19.11.89 Guatemala v El Salvador
26.11.89 El Salvador v Guatemala

Note: Top two qualify for finals.

OCEANIA

Round 1

11.12.88 Taiwan v New Zealand 0-4
18.12.88 New Zealand v Taiwan 4-1
New Zealand 8-1 on agg
26.11.88 Fiji v Australia 1-0
3.12.88 Australia v Fiji 5-2
Australia 5-3 on agg

Round 2

5. 3.89 Israel v New Zealand 1-0
12. 3.89 Australia v New Zealand 4-1
19. 3.89 Israel v Australia
2. 4.89 New Zealand v Australia
9. 4.89 New Zealand v Israel
16. 4.89 Australia v Israel

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Israel	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
N. Zealand	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

Winning team plays winners of S. America Gp 2 for place in the finals.

SOUTH AMERICA

Group 1

20. 8.89 Bolivia v Peru
27. 8.89 Peru v Uruguay
3. 9.89 Bolivia v Uruguay
10. 9.89 Peru v Bolivia
17. 9.89 Uruguay v Bolivia
24. 9.89 Uruguay v Peru

Group 2

20. 8.89 Colombia v Ecuador
27. 8.89 Paraguay v Colombia
3. 9.89 Ecuador v Colombia
10. 9.89 Paraguay v Ecuador
24. 9.89 Colombia v Paraguay
1.10.89 Ecuador v Paraguay

Group 3

30. 7.89 Venezuela v Brazil
6. 8.89 Venezuela v Chile
13. 8.89 Chile v Brazil
20. 8.89 Brazil v Venezuela
27. 8.89 Chile v Venezuela
3. 9.89 Brazil v Chile

Winners of Groups 1 and 3 qualify for the finals. Winners of Gp 2 play off against Oceania section winners for place in the finals.

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